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June 16, 2006

✓ Subject: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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☒ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hardy", followed by a stylized flourish.

David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

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(C) ROBERT H. WELCH, JR. - INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY) -- SAC Letter 59-13 (F) dated March 10, 1959, set out background data concerning Welch, a candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts, and his anticommunist campaign, Bufile 62-104401. Welch has written a manuscript entitled "The Politician," which is a vicious attack on the political life and beliefs of President Eisenhower. Welch has not published the manuscript but has had a limited number of copies printed which he has distributed or "loaned" to friends or individuals who he believed would be interested in its contents. The Bureau is in possession of a copy of it. Therefore, if the manuscript is offered to you for reproduction purposes, it will not be necessary to send copies to the Bureau.

Welch also created an organization in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958, called "The John Birch Society," the long-range objective of which has been summarized as "less government, more responsibility, and a better world." Chapters of this Society are coming into existence in various parts of the country. The Bureau has received several inquiries concerning the Society and is in possession of a copy of "The Blue Book," which sets forth information on the Society.

The above is furnished for information purposes. In the event a chapter of The John Birch Society is organized in your territory, the Bureau should be notified promptly and furnished a resume of the chapter's activities. The Bureau is particularly interested in any efforts by subversive elements to take over or use this Society or its chapters. No investigation should be conducted.

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SAC LETTER NO. 60-5

Very truly yours,
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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SAC, Kansas City

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JOHN BURKE SOCIETY;
CITIZENS AGAINST COMMUNISM; MARINE CORP LEAGUE, Wichita, Kansas
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On 6-6-60, Captain [redacted] U.S. Marines, 3130 George Washington Boulevard, Wichita, Kansas, advised:

The Marine Corp League is an organization similar to the American Legion, having no official connection with the Marine Corp but since it has the name "Marine" in its name, the League's actions reflect on the Marine Corp.

The Captain stated that the Marine Corp League has been associating with [redacted] who is an employee of FRED KOCH, a prominent Wichita business man who is active in the JOHN BURKE SOCIETY and the CITIZENS AGAINST COMMUNISM in Wichita. [redacted] in about October 1959 played a recording of a talk by [redacted] an Army [redacted], titled Communist Brainwashing. This talk was very good and was definitely anti-Communist. Later [redacted] had another recording which was made by the House Un-American Activities Committee which was anti-Communist but he did not believe the presentation was good and was not appropriate for military personnel. The Captain did not know whether [redacted] played this recording at any meeting of the Marine Corp League. [redacted] also has been distributing post cards approximately 9x5 inches, which purport to be anti-Communist but the captain believed that these cards "are so rabid" that they could accomplish the Communist party end by causing people to lose faith in the government leaders, since these cards attack almost all government leaders as being soft against Communism.

The Captain also said that REED BARBER SHOP, 4007 Kellogg Avenue, is distributing these cards and that the barber shop also had some papers, which he could not identify as to publisher, which warned of the dangers of Communists in the government and the military but that these papers probably do more harm than good because of the manner in which the paper attacks all government and military officials. He said that a Captain [redacted] of the U.S. Army in Wichita had obtained some copies of this paper and had furnished them to Army Intelligence. The Captain also said that the Marine Corp League, Wichita Chapter, had written President Eisenhower, before he attended the summit meeting in Paris, requesting him not to go and not to meet with [redacted] until [redacted] released the satellite countries from Russian domination.

He furnished 5 of the postcards being circulated by the Citizens Against Communism, P.O. Box 1633, Wichita, Kansas. He said he was furnishing this info because of the possibility that the Citizens Against Communism may be purporting to be anti Communist but actually weren't and because he did not want the Marine Corp League to be associated with any rabid organization because anything the league did was a reflection on the Marine Corp.

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Memorandum

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TO : SAC

FROM : ASAC

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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[redacted]
telephonically contacted the Kansas City Office on 10/7/60
inquiring concerning captioned society. [redacted] stated
that she was interested in Anti-Communist movements but did
not want to become involved in any questionable group.

It was explained to her that we would be unable to
furnish any information concerning The John Birch Society and
that our failure to do so should not be construed that we
do or do not have pertinent information.

In further discussion, [redacted] expressed an interest
in statements by the Director concerning Communism and she was
advised that reprints would be sent to her. The following
reprints have been forwarded to her without cover letter:

One Nation's Response to Communism

Communist Party, USA

God and Country or Communism?

[redacted] reflects that [redacted] was in
contact with the Wichita RA in July 1960 and furnished information
not pertinent to the current inquiry. The Bureau has previously been
advised concerning the establishment of a chapter of The John
Birch Society.

No further action warranted.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
221 South Broadway
Wichita, Kansas

Gentlemen:

✓ Enclosed is article which appeared in a recent
Eagle relative to the Birch Society.

✓ I have seen the recent picture "Communism on the
Map" and while there are pros and cons relative
to it one must think for himself. I am personally
acquainted with several of the individuals who
are devoting their time to fighting communism.
But now I'm wondering just what is this Birch
Society - especially having read the enclosed
article. I have had the highest regard for
these individuals and still admire them for
fighting communism.

Could you give me definite information relative
to Mr. Welch, etc. etc.? Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
221 South Broadway
Wichita, Kansas



Birch Society's Aims, Functions Examined

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The Birch Society, a group of ultra-conservative Americans, has been branded President Truman's "Communist Party" by a book distributed to the press in three major newspapers, the Milwaukee Journal, the Chicago Daily News and the Boston Herald.

The accusation against President Truman, according to the book, is that he is a Communist. The book, "The Politician," written by Robert H. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Mass., national leader of the society, was distributed to the press in three major newspapers, the Milwaukee Journal, the Chicago Daily News and the Boston Herald.

Welch, who wrote the book, said the society's purpose is to "fight communism in America." The book, "The Politician," written by Robert H. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Mass., national leader of the society, was distributed to the press in three major newspapers, the Milwaukee Journal, the Chicago Daily News and the Boston Herald.

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refers to Wichita
Eagles article (circa 7-31-60)
quoting from
articles in Milwaukee
- Joe, CDN, Boston
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Quoted Welch stating in
Boston Herald interview
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4/5 (50%) of 705 members
never read it and
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"Four-fifths of our
members never have
seen it and most
of those who have
don't agree with it."

707 United States Court House
Kansas City, Missouri
November 7, 1960

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Dear [redacted]

This will acknowledge your letter addressed to the Wichita, Kansas, Resident Agency of this Bureau.

The records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are strictly confidential by direction of the United States Attorney General. I am sure you will appreciate therefore that it is not possible for me to comply with your request for information concerning the John Birch Society. *W*

This letter should not be construed as an indication that this Bureau does or does not have information concerning the subject of your inquiry.

Sincerely,

W. MARK FELT
Special Agent in Charge

1-Addressee
1-Kansas City
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(D) THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, (JBS) -- SAC Letter 59-13 (F), dated March 10, 1959, set out background data concerning Robert H. Welch, Jr., a candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts, and his anticommunist campaign. SAC Letter 60-5 (C), dated January 26, 1960, advised that in December, 1958, Welch created an organization called "The John Birch Society," the long-range objective of which has been summarized as "less government, more responsibility, and a better world."

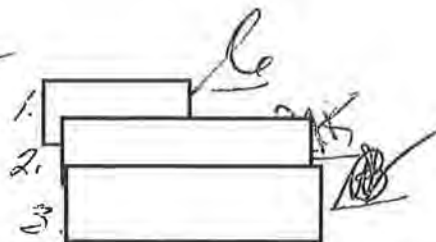
Recently, a printer in Santa Barbara, California, advised he had received an order from JBS to print 10,000 copies of my poster, "What You Can Do To Fight Communism." The JBS also requested the printer to print an addition on the poster to the effect that this statement was being distributed under the auspices of the JBS. We have advised the printer that the FBI has not given approval for JBS to reproduce the poster nor could the FBI approve of the addition to the poster reflecting its distribution by JBS.

In view of this irresponsible organization's attempt to capitalize on the FBI's prestige, no Bureau publications of any kind are to be made available to JBS or to any of its representatives. You should be alert to the possibility that this group may attempt to reproduce Bureau publications and distribute them giving the impression that the FBI sanctions JBS. Immediately advise the Bureau of any such information coming to your attention. Further, any requests by JBS to reproduce Bureau publications should be turned down.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

Director



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A Red Torture Death in China in 1945 Resounds With New Vigor in Controversial Birch

By Walter Trohan.

(Service of the Chicago Tribune.)

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Within the last month the John Birch society, an anti-Communist organization which has been operating quietly for some 16 years, has sprung into nation-wide prominence.

On one side, the society has been denounced as a vicious undercover group as dangerous as the Nazis who gathered in a Munich beer cellar 30 years ago. The society has been denounced for attacks on many prominent Americans, including Chief Justice Earl Warren, whose impeachment its leader is seeking; Dwight D. Eisenhower and Allen W. Dulles, central intelligence director.

On the other hand, the society has advocates who support its anti-communism and anti-centralization while deploring its attacks on the loyalty of the chief justice, the former President and other Americans. These defenders include T. Coleman Andrews, former commissioner of internal revenue; Lt. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer; Clarence Manion, former dean of the Notre Dame law school; F. Gano Chance, Centuria, Mo., industrialist, and Frank E. Holman, past-president of the American Bar association.

The society's founder is Robert H. W. Welch, jr., 61, former candy manufacturer who lives in Belmont, Mass. This reporter does not know him, although he is familiar with some of his writings, has exchanged some correspondence with him and knows several of his friends.

Welch formed his society when he became interested in the death of John Birch, a former missionary to China, whose parents operated a small farm near Macon, Ga. He was a descendant of the John Alden who was selected to speak for the hand of Priscilla Mullens by Capt. Miles.

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Standish and won her hand for himself.

Birch was in China when the war broke out and joined Gen. Claire Chennault's forces in 1942. He became a captain in intelligence, who was decorated and widely trusted by the Chinese. He was killed savagely and brutally on August 25, 1945, in Huang-Ko, China, by Chinese Communists when he set out on a mission to determine whether they were friendly. He was shot, bayoneted and tossed into an open grave while alive. He found out the temper of the Chinese Communists the hardest way.

The facts of Birch's death were suppressed in Washington. They were labeled top secret, evidently at the instance of those in the State department who were trying to promote the idea that the Chinese Communists were nothing more than agrarian revolutionaries.

Starts to Dig for Facts.

Welch became interested in Birch's fate. He ran into the stone wall of Washington secrecy in his efforts to uncover the facts. Finally, through the co-operation of a United States senator, he got the facts and published the story of Birch's death in a slender volume, "The Life of John Birch," in 1954. The volume was released by the Chicago publishing firm of Henry Regnery company.

The book was widely hailed for its patriotism. Welch determined to perpetuate the memory of Birch and his sacrifice of his life through the formation of the anti-Communist society which was given the young captain's name.

In his examination of Communist influences Birch became interested in the failure of Allied forces to take Berlin and Prague. He was also interested in the story behind

Sees 'Affront to Decency.'

WASHINGTON, March 31.(AP)—Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D-Conn.) says he will ask the Senate internal security subcommittee to investigate the John Birch society and its founder, Robert Welch.

Dodd said Welch's charges against Dwight D. Eisenhower, Earl Warren, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman and others are "an affront to both decency and intelligence."

Meanwhile a House member, Rep. Edgar W. Hiestand (R-Calif.) acknowledged that he is a member of the Birch society. He said other members of Congress probably are too.

Hiestand said, "I don't endorse everything the society stands for, but the big 98 per cent of its program is intense patriotism and anti-Communism." He said he would welcome an investigation of it.

Chairman Walter (D-Pa.) of the House committee on un-American activities said the committee has received many letters complaining that the society is "un-American." Most of them allege wrongs against individuals, Walter said, and they have recourse in the civil courts.

the events, including the failure to provide ready access to the Allied sector of Berlin, the communization of China and the enslavement of satellite states.

Another Book Has Opinions.

This research led to the publication privately of a second book, "The Patriot." This was largely a story of the generalship of Dwight D. Eisenhower. Not content with just the facts, Welch included editorial conclusions, which reflected on the loyalty of the former President and other Americans. Welch has tried to withdraw the book by securing all the outstanding copies. He has been unable to do so and this reporter was able to locate it.

He showed the volume to some of the prominent Americans who had applauded his life of Birch. As he has ruefully confessed, most of them disagreed with it. Welch ignored advice to strike his editorializations from his volume, but he did not publish his work widely. He showed it to a selected few, most of whom also disagreed with it.

Welch's friends say the editorializations in the book were a serious error of judgment on his part. They also say a second error in judgment is his campaign to impeach Warren.

Called Milton a Communist.

In the book Welch accused the former President and many of his aides of being a part of the international Communist conspiracy. Welch did not say that the former President was a Communist, but he did say that the former President's brother, Dr. Milton Eisenhower, was a Communist. Now his opinion is that the former President was a dupe of Communists.

Welch has chapters of his society in 34 states and members of the society in all the states. Some cities have several chapters. His enemies say he rules these with as tight a fist as Khrushchev runs Communist parties in various countries.

Membership fees are \$24 a year for men and \$12 for women. Members of the society bring pressure on local governments and

or not this is done at his direction or when they detect Communist influences, is not clear. Critics of Welch see him exerting dangerous power,

Fears Tight Red Grip.

Welch has detected mounting Communist control in the United States. He has found communism growing in churches, blamed Communists for desegregation activities, criticized the United Nations as promoting surrender of American sovereignty and assailed foreign aid as helping communism to get the United States to spend itself into destruction.

In this Welch does not differ from many right-wing groups. He is currently promoting organization of all sorts of fronts to petition for various favored actions, including the impeachment of Warren. He wants to fight communism with Communist methods, including public actions to promote "the truth about recent history and current events."

Welch has said that his own movement is not the beginning of any revolution or counter revolution. However, he concedes that the very determination of his movement to overthrow entrenched tyranny is the "stuff revolutions are made of."

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WASHINGTON, March 31.
(AP)—The John Birch society has become "a matter of concern to the attorney general," a Justice department spokesman said today.

Members of both the House and Senate denounced the organization yesterday and called for investigations of its leaders. Several senators have been attacked in letter writing campaigns by society members.

The most caustic criticism centered around the society's founder, Robert Welch, who is said to have called Dwight D. Eisenhower and others Communists.

Sen. Thomas Kuchel (R-Calif.) denounced the organization yesterday in the Senate. He said Welch has called Eisenhower "a card-carrying Communist" and that this is "a fantastic and incredible libel."

"Good God," Kuchel said, "should the American people permit this kind of spleen to be poured on a man who has dedicated his whole life to freedom?"



The center of a congressional furor is Robert H. W. Welch, founder of the John Birch society, whose anti-Communist attacks have included such targets as Dwight D. Eisenhower and Earl Warren.

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TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (100- New)

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Information Concerning

On 4/5/61 [REDACTED]

* [REDACTED] telephonically contacted this office in regard to an article which recently appeared in the Kansas City Star relating to the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. [REDACTED] stated that she was considering joining the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY inasmuch as she felt that some action should be taken against the spread of Communism. [REDACTED] requested to know what the FBI's stand was and particularly the Director's opinion of the JOHN BIRCH Society. [REDACTED] was advised that this office makes no recommendation regarding an individual's membership in organizations. She further requested to know how she could determine if an organization was subversive. [REDACTED] was advised that inquiries of this type could be directed to the Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

It was further pointed out that the FBI makes no recommendations, nor does it evaluate organizations for the public.

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FOUNDER OF GROUP GIVES FIRST INTERVIEW

Welch Calls Houston Stronghold of Birch Society

BY SAUL FRIEDMAN

TO THE CHRONICLE

Houston is a stronghold of the John Birch Society, its founder and head, Robert Welch, told The Chronicle.

This strength is enhanced because "we do not have the left wing opposition in Houston that we have in places like Los Angeles, where we

also are quite strong," Welch said.

The society's goal, basically, according to Welch, "is to keep America from becoming a democracy, the worst form of government, and to keep it a constitutional republic."

Welch spoke in Houston Tuesday night at the Maple Hall.

He flew to Houston at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, where he was met by Akard Reed, M. Lyle

Cashlon and several persons who refused to identify themselves.

He scheduled several top-level conferences during the day.

Cashlon, representing the Sons of the American Revolution in Houston, said he

understood Welch was to make five local stops on his Tuesday itinerary before he addressed tonight.

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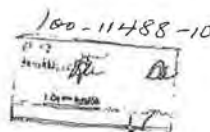
But before Welch came to Houston, he accepted to a tape-recorded interview with this reporter Monday at the home of a John Birch Society member in Dallas.

It is the only private interview.



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JOHN BIRCH FOUNDER ARRIVES IN "STRONGHOLD"
Robert Welch, right, with M. Lyle Cashlon

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view granted by Welch since the John Birch Society came out of the shadows into the public sunlight to become the center of a raging nationwide controversy.

Welch, of Belmont, Mass., is near the climax of his first nationwide speaking tour to explain the principles of the organization he started about two years ago.

On this tour, Welch has stirred red-hot coals of protest as high up as Congress and has been given equally fiery support by leading Americans.

He would not give any exact figures, but said, "I have no quarrel" with published reports that Houston has some 100 chapters of the John Birch Society.

Society members work within churches, precincts, school organizations, specifically the Parent-Teachers Assn., to promote "Americanist ideas," he said.

Attack Warren

On the national scene, society members are engaged in an all-out effort to impeach Earl Warren, chief justice of the United States

Supreme Court. Welch said some of the court's recent decisions have been pro-Communist.

On the present administration, Welch said: "Kennedy is not as much a captive of the Communists as the previous administration."

There is a "fairly heavy"

concentration of Communists within our diplomatic corps," Welch said, and more Communists or, as he calls them, "Comsymps," (Communist sympathizers) in our federal government than ever before.

"Americans have been brainwashed into thinking this is a democracy. It is a constitutional republic," he said.

He equates democracy with what he calls "mobocracy."

Here are some of Welch's views, as expressed in the recorded interview:

Q. What I wanted to talk to you about, Mr. Welch, was Houston and the John Birch Society. I'm sure you've gotten some of the facts now that you're going down there to speak and you know some of the people and you've talked with them.

Welch: I know some of the people because I've known them right along, but I haven't got any facts with regard to the particular current situation at all.

Q. Well, Houston is the seat of a growing conservative movement in this country.

Welch: I think that's true.

Q. Do you know the membership in Houston, approximately?

Welch: Yes, but we wouldn't tell you, Mr. Friedman. We have only two things we don't tell you. We'll tell you anything else you want to know. There's nothing secret about the John Birch Society and nothing

semi-secret, but like so many other organizations, we do not tell how many members we have and we don't tell who they are. Without naming any names, you can think of a half a dozen other good organizations that do the same thing. I know some of them that if we have something to distribute that they like and they're willing to send to their members, they won't send us the list of members. They won't even send us the envelopes. We send the material to them and they put the envelopes through their stencils and mail them out. It's perfectly normal not to give out the names of the members or the numbers, but after that we'll give you anything you want to know. Everything about the John Birch Society is wide open. I'm actually answering more than your question because I know you're going to want this anyway. All our beliefs and purposes and methods are all described in our materials, like the Blue Book, the bulletins, our tape recordings, our movies and they are here for anybody that wants to spend anywhere from 10 cents for a bulletin to \$2 for a Blue Book and after this if I hear that there's anything secret about it, it's just nonsense and manufactured.

Q. Well, usually the strength of an organization in a particular area is not secret.

Welch: The membership, while not particularly secret, we don't pass it out.

Q. You don't pass it out?

Welch: No, we have made it a rule from the beginning not to tell our numbers. I think it's a sound rule and we've stuck to it. I would say that in Houston, the only things we are comparing, we are comparatively strong in Houston, we have a lot of good members in Houston.

How Many Here?

Q. A series about the John Birch Society said there were approximately 100 groups in Houston. Can you discuss how many groups there are?

Welch: The writer probably knew more about it than I did.

Q. That's what I am asking you.

Welch: I don't know how many groups.

Q. Do you know approximately how many?

Welch: Well...

Q. For example we have heard...

Welch: Let's say that I have no reason to quarrel. I have no reason to quarrel with it. If I say anything else I'm getting into giving out the one kind of information we don't give: Our numbers of members or groups. It's the same thing or, practically the same thing.

Q. We've heard 93 or 94 groups.

Welch: Actually now, since you bring that up, you know more about it than I do then. I don't know. I can't possibly keep up that close. I have some general idea and I think the best thing for me to say is just what I said.

Q. Would this be too far from your general idea?

then? If I can pin you down on that?

Welch: No, it wouldn't be too far if you want to put it just that way.

Q. Is the control over local chapters loose?

Welch: It's not so loose. It's fairly firm but it is requests and suggestions. We tell our people just about every three months, never do anything for the John Birch Society that's against your own conscience and we repeat often, even if it's against your judgement, don't do it but we don't emphasize that as much as don't do it if it's against your conscience.

then we say perfectly frankly, it's repeating what we said before, that if you disagree, if your conscience tells you over and over what to do with the majority of the things we ask, obviously you're not happy in the society and don't belong in it. That's up to you.

Their Goals

Q. If members worked within parent-teachers organizations, or if they did work within churches or industrial organizations, what generally would be their goals?

Welch: To try to keep those organizations exerting their influence on what we call the Americanist side of all the sociological questions that arise. Just as you have so many left wingers get into these groups and do everything they could to have the organizations exert their influence on the left wing side.

Q. Do you think that true generally, of school boards, churches...

Welch: No, you're getting too general. I think that that isn't true of the churches as a majority at all, it isn't true of the school boards as a majority at all. I think it is largely true of the P.T.A.s as a whole because the P.T.A. locally consists of good people but the control of the P.T.A., is far more than the local members realize, is from the top and I think that the top, from the national headquarters right down through the state headquarters, has been quite strongly left slanted.

Now we come back to the churches. The main trouble in my opinion is not that the few individual churches percentage-wise that have bad actors there make much difference. The real impact has been with these people climbing into the organizations, the church organizations, and getting themselves in position to have church organizations support the entry of Red China, the admission of

Red China, or support the theme which they have supported, that capitalism is just as bad as socialism or even communism. You remember the Amsterdam conference in 1948 when they came out with that resolution stating just that and it's been played up plenty, and the real trouble there is not in the churches of these three percent, but in the sum total of impact of what they can do to control the statements and the pressures and the influence of the various councils.

Not at All

Q. Well, are the John Birch Societies working within these churches?

Welch: The John Birch Society is not working in them at all. We have most of our members belong to churches.

Q. Not in churches, I mean working within these church organizations?

Welch: Well, the church organizations are composed of ministers. The church organizations I'm talking about are the Council of Churches, and things like that.

Q. But there are lay organizations?

Welch: Well, most of them fall to pieces. They don't mean anything any more. I don't know of any lay organizations that amount to anything, very few. If they are some of our very best people were working in them when they had them they could do anything, but I don't know any now.

Small But Strong

Q. Well, if the members of the society are not working in churches, or on boards of education...

Welch: I didn't say they weren't. But I said that if some of them go into boards of education as individual good citizens and they may have been helped to get on by people who were members of the John Birch Society also working as individual good citizens, I gave you a case where I knew it happened. I know another case I don't mind giving you. I know a case in a small

town where the town fathers decided to have United Nations Day to glorify the United Nations and we had one chapter there small but strong and they knew better. They didn't like it and they got busy with their friends and neighbors and all of them and they talked enough, and before the day ever came, the town fathers didn't want the storm they were stirring up and what the trouble was, they didn't understand they'd been sold a bill of goods. Before the day ever came they got together and called off United Nations Day and made it a United States Day for the same day. We were very proud of the little part our people played in doing it.

Not in Politics

Q. Do you know anything of the activities of the groups in Houston?

Welch: Oh, they've mostly been doing what we request them to do and ask them to do as far as direct members of the John Birch Society. However, they will do many things as good American citizens as they get active as members of the John Birch Society. For instance, we take no direct part in politics. Never. But we hope that our members themselves will individually take a very active part in politics and that we will do a far better job in politics through the information and understanding that we can give them. Our job is to give them a knowledge and the understanding and to say they can use their efforts to better advantage for the Americans' cause in politics but we do not take part.

Q. Well, isn't that kind of splitting a hair a little bit?

Welch: No. No. It's not.

Q. The John Birch Society doesn't take part in politics but it urges its members to take part...

Welch: It urges its members to be good citizens which certainly includes taking part in politics, but let me show you how it's not splitting hairs at all and I'll put it even worse and it still won't be splitting hairs. I'll give you an illustration: I, myself, have been personally for Goldwater for years before the John Birch Society was founded and despite the fact that the society takes no part in politics I, personally, just like any of our members, have the right to have my own personal views, so in the campaign, the primary campaign in 1960, I was for Goldwater and I said so and I'm not naive enough to think that did not influence some of our members probably. But despite that, it was purely influence of an intangible kind because so far as I could guess, in the primary campaign, the Republican primary of 1960, about two thirds of our members were for Goldwater and about one third were for Nixon for the nomination and we sent them all the lists of the delegates and everything else just the same and told them to do whatever their conscience told them. So you see it's not splitting hairs. If the John Birch Society were in politics, we had to be for whatever everyone was for... we were not. Our members were split about two to one. Now after the primary was over, the convention was over, neither I, personally, then nor the society took any part whatsoever in that campaign.

Q. But you recommended no particular candidate?

Welch: We recommended no candidate, no connection, no combination of votes, no nothing, not at all. You can get our votes and see. You've seen the bulletins. No, we can't afford to be directly in politics. Contrary to much that's said, we ask our members to follow their own conscience and their own judgment even.

Concerted Action

Q. Then why the bulletin?

Welch: Because most of our members most of the time—I said most, not all—will pretty well agree with the policies and methods we are following and the things we are doing and, therefore, we can work more effectively in concerted action. If we take 100 members and there's 10 different things that they might be doing to help the cause and we say let's do these two this month and five of them say "I don't like that" or "I don't want to do it" and we say to them, "All right, don't you do it," but the other 95 will do those two things all together this month. You see how much more effective it is. That's the whole purpose

there, the effectiveness of concerted action.

Q. Which brings me to what is the action you do? Supposing a bulletin comes out asking co-operation in a particular campaign to do something, what is actually done?

Welch: Well, a great many things. One of our most important activities was to try to prevent the summit conference (scheduled in 1959). The summit conference, if I recall correctly, was first announced for late June or early July, 1959. We were quite small and young then. We went to work on that and as soon as it was announced our members wrote letters to everybody they could think of, they talked about it, they did everything they could and we got out petitions and we put on the back of those petitions 10 good reasons why the summit conference was harmful to the best American interests.

Used a Front

Q. Were these petitions in the name of the John Birch Society?

Welch: These petitions were by "The Committee Against Summit Entanglements" and we put out these petitions and on one side were the sound reasons against it and on the other side was room for 20 signatures and we had about 70,000 of those petitions put out which if they'll come back in would have accounted for about 1,400,000 signatures. We were getting a lot of help from other organizations and plenty went out when they announced the postponement of the summit conference. I don't know if we had anything to do with it or not. We couldn't begin to claim or know. We were working on it hard and a lot of other groups were helping us. That was in July 1959. Let me tell you about this because it illustrates what we do. So they announced then the Khrushchev visit instead. So here we are getting up a committee against summit entanglements with a lot of good Americans on it and just almost had monkeyed



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and jockeyed myself into a position where I had to give some leadership. They were counting on it. So we got to work and rewrote—rewrote isn't the word—we got to work and wrote out the reasons against the Khrushchev visit and decided to put full page ads in the papers all over the country. And we worked it out very carefully. We had to get the approval of the copy, we had to get people to put their names on this. This was an unincorporated committee. I was using a good advertising agency whose credit was good for anything in the country and my credit was good with them whether it should have been or not. All I had to do was get a little optimistic and put in a quarter of a million dollars worth of advertising and if we didn't get the money for it later, every single soul on there was responsible. I was always very proud of the fact that they had that confidence in me both ideologically in what I was saying and also that I wouldn't do something wild the other way. So we started to put those ads in—in fact, we gave your paper one of them. They carried one of those ads.

Q. What is a full page? About \$1500?

Welch: About. That's about what I remember. We had some of them were over \$5000.

News, Paper Ads

Q. What papers did you put them in?

Welch: We put it in a lot of them. We put it in about 50 big ones and about 50 little ones and it got in at least twice that many little ones where people put them in themselves. Local groups put them in. And we had quite a few who put the ads in free. And Mr. Eisenhower did not go back to return the visit because of all the feelings that had been shown and they called off the summit conference again in November, postponed it this time until the next April or May, and we think we had something to do with that. We think Adenauer and De Gaulle had a lot to do with it, too, but on a different level. We think that all the pressure we've shown in all these ads did some good because when Mr. Khrushchev got back to Moscow in his first speech reporting he said he'd been in America with mixed emotions because of a lot of leading citizens putting full page advertisements in our papers protesting his visit. So that is the illustration of the kind of thing we do and as well as the most effective.

Q. How about on the local level, say in Houston?

Welch: We don't do anything on the local level yet for the society as a whole. We are a little bit careful about what our chapters do on their own. We like to have them check because some of them can get over-ambitious and go off on some bum slants. Now I'll tell you this: Our members frequently go into local politics very effectively and there's no doubt they get encouraged to do so through their John Birch membership, but the John Birch Society, neither it nor the chapters has anything to do with it. I'll give you an illustration of what I was talking about: One of our chapters in Detroit, Mich., out in the suburbs, decided that they were never going to get the incredible mess in their schools straightened out unless they got a good man on the school committee. So they got one of their own members to agree to run and they went out and began to get their neighbors and they raised the money and

suppo him and they of course, and it is no in the slightest degree. We just don't. Our people, as you know, are not riff-raff. Our members are pretty leading citizens. They're good people and they're not wild characters.

Q. Well, you talk about using front groups. This, of course, is something that was started by the Communists.

Welch: Well, it wasn't. But the name has been given to it and the thought is in the people's minds. Let me explain about it. Let me explain first that we do not believe in using foul means to achieve good ends. In fact, we lay it down in the Blue Book over and over that we must not. That's one thing we cannot do. We cannot have a civilization that's good if you believe that it's all right to use bad means to achieve good ends because then the people who want the good ends are setting themselves up as judges above all others of what is moral and it can't be done and we oppose it. Now when you come to fronts, remember what a front is. There is nothing on earth wrong with a front unless it has immoral purposes. A front is nothing in the world but a committee. A front is a means of getting people who disagree with each other on many other things to work together on one thing upon which they agree. Now you come to our Committee Against Summit Entanglements. We were just talking about it. Probably in all that work there was only at that time 10 per cent of John Birch members although we set the pace and led it. We had people working with us on that, that disagreed with us on almost everything else in the world. I know some of them. I think the very first check I got for the Committee Against Summit Entanglements was from Eugene Lyons, an extreme anti-Communist, who had just been fighting with me like everything over my feeling toward Pasternak (Russian author Boris Pasternak). In fact, it got rather bitter and yet we were so opposed to Khrushchev coming and I

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No Slander

Q. Do you know of anything particular that has been done in the Houston area?

Welch: I don't know. I'm sorry to say I don't. We are national. There's a lot of areas, there's a lot of things to keep up with, but I can't tell you anything that the society has done locally in Houston, as a society.

Q. You're sure they have been active in local politics?

Welch: I'm not sure. I'm not sure they haven't, either, Mr. Friedman. I just don't know. I don't know at all.

Q. In the writing of letters to newspapers or petitioning for things or getting into politics—precinct politics, state politics—do they employ what anti-John Birch Society people called character assassination?

Welch: Never. We . . . you can't even find a single trace of it in anything we do. We don't want it. Now if we accuse Alger Hiss of being a perjurer, that's not character assassination. That's there.

Q. But if you talk about Joe Blow who is for integration, you say he's a Communist?

Welch: We don't do it, Mr. Friedman. That's one of the things they'll charge us with. They'll always accuse us of,

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think that the first check they got from Eugene Lyons. A front merely brings together for an effort for one particular operation people who agree on that purpose who may not agree with themselves or each other on other things at all and it's being used all the time in America in all kinds of arrangements and there's actually nothing wrong with it unless the front is designed for the purpose of doing something immoral.

Zeal Upheld

Q. Hasn't the history, though, of super patriotism, as the John Birch Society has been accused of being, been a history of ultimate wrongdoing?

Welch: Well, I don't know 'cause I don't know what super patriotism is.

Q. Well, whenever there is a zealot...

Welch: If by zealot you mean merely a sincerity in determination and dedication to save our country, I see nothing wrong. We are faced, Mr. Friedman, with a very dangerous and advanced enemy and we need dedication, sincerity, effort, determination and if you call that zealotry or super patriotism, it seems to me to be a smear effort from the other side. I think the thing that bothers the left wing and our opponents is we show so many signs of increasing effectiveness and we do it largely because of the dedication of our members.

Definitions

Q. What is your definition of communism?

Welch: Well, communism with a capital "C" as against

the little "c" is an international conspiracy of gangsters seeking to rule the world.

Q. And with the small "c"?

Welch: With a small "c" it's the equivalent of socialism. Just another term, another word for one form of collectivism. There would be people who would find some differences, I don't see there's any particular point in a difference. Communism with a little "c" has a system of sociology without the police state methods that make it big "C" communism.

Q. How about its relation to liberalism?

Welch: Well, liberalism is entirely too vague and varied a term with too many shapes in it. You know what originally liberalism was; it was the opposite of what it is today. I didn't go into that last night (in a Dallas speech), but it's one of those reversals but liberalism today and we use a capital "L" for it to designate people who are a part of this whole liberal drive and establishment has tremendous variations within its boundaries.

Disagree

Q. But there are people who are liberals, those who are in favor of integration, those in favor of the Kennedy medical plan, those who favor doing away with some of the restrictive clauses of the Taft-Hartley labor law. These liberals I'm talking about and I'm just wondering how you equate those with the Socialists or Communists.

Welch: I don't necessarily equate them. We might disagree with them. In fact, we do disagree with them. That

doesn't mean that we equate them necessarily with Communists or Socialists. Some of them are; some aren't. Most of them aren't Communists.

Only a very small percentage are, we're certain. A good many of them are what I would call Socialists but a good many aren't. You see,

we are conservatives in sociology and we disagree with many of the purposes you're talking about. But if you could get the Communists out of the picture and be able to decide these things by education and popular vote, general processes in a republican form of government, that would be fine with us. We point out, you'll find it in the "Life of John Birch" in the back, that we don't know.

Maybe the Communists could be right as to what would make a better world. We don't think so. We think all history is against them and all analysis and all judgment is against them but we don't set ourselves up as the absolute, omniscient arbiters of human destiny at all so we can say, well, just for the sake of the argument, they could be right. But our one basic fundamental quarrel with them is that they on the other hand claim to be so sure they are right that they are willing to use any means, including murder and treason and terror, to enforce on the world their kind of socialist economy. You read the "Life of John Birch" in the back, I point out that that's...

...when you get all the way down to the bedrock, that's our final difference with the Communists. They're right; they insist they're right so completely, so unequivocally, so unquestionably that they're justified in using any means to enforce their righteousness on us. We don't at all. We try to stop the Communists from doing that and get back to a world where you

can argue things out. When you get back to arguing things out, most of our members as of now are pretty conservative in their attitude. They think that self-reliance, individual responsibility will create a better world by far than socialist planning.

Most Are Loyal

Q. But while you're enlarging your definition of communism, it has been charged that the John Birch Society looks for these Communists everywhere.

Welch: I covered that last night. I pointed out there's a man who goes around calling everybody he sees a Communist. That would be wrong 99 per cent of the time even in Russia and I pointed out very emphatically last night and I will be in the speech that follows all of my criticism of Communist influences in our government. I'm quite certain that more than 98 per cent of all of our federal employees are loyal Americans. The charge is utterly absurd, Mr. Friedman. It isn't justified by anything we have said or done. It's the typical old charge that they leveled against McCarthy and they leveled against everybody else. It simply isn't true. We can't go around all the time saying, "We know this guy isn't a Communist, we know this man isn't a Communist." That's nonsense. The only people we're talking about are those that we may not necessarily think are Communists but that we think are helping the Communists, or "comsymps," as we call them now and naturally they're the ones we're talking about in this particular part of our activity. But, as I say, I think at least more than 98 per cent of all of our federal employees of our government, where I think the infiltration is heavy and has done a lot

of damage, it's still over 98 per cent of perfectly loyal Americans and I pointed that out in my speech last night.

The President

Q. What about Kennedy himself? What classification would you make?

Welch: Well, I was asked that in a place and I tried to stay out of that argument, but I was asked it in, I guess, Santa Barbara and I said that I did not think that Mr. Kennedy was as much a captive of the Communists as the previous administration had been, but I still don't like the continuing appeasement and that's all I think I should say on that.

Q. Let's turn back to the local picture in a typical city. Can I get your agreement that Houston is a fairly typical city?

Welch: For the John Birch Society, or in general?

Q. For the John Birch Society.

Welch: Well, all right. I mean I don't mind. I don't think it is quite, for two reasons: Frankly, we're a little stronger in Houston than we would be in most typical cities and, second, you do not have the left-wing opposition in Houston that you have in places like Los Angeles, where we are also quite strong. And where you have a very vigorous opposition it brings a different situation.

Q. What is the biggest single aim of the John Birch Society today?

Welch: To really make people sit up and take notice what the Communists are doing and I think that that is the reason for this all-out attack on us. I think the spark that set it off was probably our move to impeach Earl Warren which we began in January as a long-range move. One of our

purposes in that was to try to educate as many of the American people as we could reach as to the differences between a republic and a democracy and to the fact that ours is supposed to be a republic. We hope we can keep it one instead of a democracy and that's part of the educational pattern. Again we tied that to a specific drive to impeach Warren because we think that his decisions, the court decisions under his leadership, have gone a long ways in an effort to break this country down from a constitutional republic into a democracy which our founding fathers thought of as probably the worst of all forms of government and they thought of a constitutional republic as probably the best of all forms of government. I largely agree with them. I think they were correct in both cases but there's been a drive on the part of the extreme left to do two things: To convert this country from a republic to a democracy and to get the American people believe that they're supposed to have a democracy, which goodness knows, they never were. You take the Constitution of the United States, the word "democracy" doesn't even occur in it once. The word "republic" is there over and over. It's founded as a constitutional republic and was so strong on the subject that it guarantees right in the Constitution a republican form of government to every state that's a part of the Union. You look into the thinking of the founding fathers of the Constitution as you find it in the Federalist Papers, for instance, to the best of my knowledge, in all the Federalist Papers, you will find the word "democracy" used twice, both times very

disparagingly to indicate what we didn't want and as a government how horrible it would be. (Here he referred to an article he wrote on the subject for a Birch-backed magazine, "American Opinion.") That's a four-page article in the January "American Opinion."

Not a Democracy

Q. Can you get me a program that you would have in mind to return the United States to a constitutional republic or insure that it remains a constitutional republic?

Welch: Waken our people up to the two facts: To the fact that we are not a democracy, never were supposed to be, that we are a constitutional republic and then, too, a desire to keep it that way. If we get enough people to realize it... because they've been brainwashed and they figure they're supposed to be a democracy. We never were, as I said. And therefore, being brainwashed, they're thinking it's all right for us to become one at the same time. Our job there again is largely educational. We got to wake 'em up to the differences.

Q. Denuding the states of their rights, is this part of what you say is the drift toward a complete democracy?

Welch: Very much so. It's a drift towards a democracy which is one centralized totalitarian government which is either mob rule or dictatorship to overcome mob rule. A complete democracy, or in a sizable scale, it can work in a little town hall size of a village. But when you get into any size, a complete democracy becomes either mobocracy or some kind of a personal tyrannical dictatorship to offset the mobocracy and to use it.

Protect Minorities

Q. Who is to rule in this republic?

Welch: In any republic your people rule through their elected representatives subject to certain safeguards and restrictions and provisions which cannot be repealed just by a whim or a majority overnight. In any sensible republic, whether the constitution is written or not, there are means to change anything in time but the real thing is that they cannot be changed just on a sudden majority whim. There are protections for minorities, for traditions and customs and rights and it takes time to change and procedures to change that are not just a matter of a majority vote; whereas in a democracy, a majority vote can vote everything away from the other 49 per cent tomorrow and the next day you could get 2 per cent the other way and that 51 per cent could take it all back. That's why a democracy is the worst of all forms of government and a constitutional republic is the best of all forms of government. And don't quote me on half of that statement without quoting the other half. That's what our founding fathers seemed to think and they knew a hell of a lot about history and government and we agree with them.

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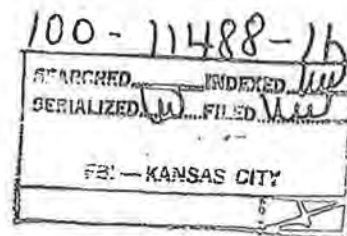
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This date [redacted]
[redacted] telephonically advised
he had called about two months ago re film "Operation
Abolition) and advised the following.

He advised subject had called him tonight wanting him
to join this organization which he said was the John Birch
Society. He advised he has a new film named " Communism
on the Map" and [redacted] advised subject talked liked he
had some literature on subject which he said he had to
know just how to get. He advised that hexmark was
attempting to organize this in the 3 states, Mo., Kans.
and Nebr. and he would operate all of these.

[redacted] advised subject was staying at [redacted]
telephone [redacted] and advised Subject was going to
contact him about 8-1-61 again.

[redacted] advised he lived at [redacted]
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JOHN BIRCH GROUP INFORMATION HERE

First Meeting is Expected in
10 Days as Part of 2-State
Organizing Drive.

CITE INCREASED INTEREST

Kansas, Missouri Leaders Say
the Society is Growing
Despite Opposition.

By Ray Morgan.
(A Member of The Star's Staff.)

Efforts are being made to
organize a chapter of the
John Birch society in Kansas
City. The first meeting is ex-
pected within the next week
or 10 days as a part of an
organizing effort in other
areas of Kansas and Missouri.

This was confirmed yester-
day by F. Gano Chance of Cen-
tralia, Mo., former president
of the Missouri State Chamber
of Commerce, former presi-
dent of Associated Industries
of Missouri and a member of
the supreme council of the
John Birch society.

Hope for Early Meeting.

"We have an organizer
working in both St. Louis and
Kansas City as well as other
areas of Kansas," Chance, who
is president of the multi-mil-
lion-dollar A. B. Chance com-
pany, said. "We hope to have
the organizing meeting of the
chapter in Kansas City some-
time within the next few
days."

Chance declined to say who
the Kansas Citizens are who
are working for the formation
of the chapter nor to give the
exact time when the meeting
will be held.

"The society has recently
brought a full-time organizer
into this area to work to or-
ganize chapters in Kansas,
Missouri and Oklahoma,"
Chance said.

Gives Organizer's Name.

Frederick Koch of Wichita,
president of the Rock Island
Oil and Refining company and
a member of the supreme
council, also confirmed that
the full-time organizer is
working in this area.

"His name is Kent Steff-
gen," Koch said. "He came
here from California to work
for the society. He has been
getting a fine response to his
efforts so far, from everything
I have heard. There certainly
is more interest in the society
and its aims now."

The society, formed in In-
dianapolis in 1958 by Robert
Welch, a wealthy candy manu-
facturer who gave up his in-
terest in the business to spend
his time fighting communism,
has been under fire from vari-
ous groups, primarily because
of its drive to have Chief
Justice Earl Warren ousted.

"We are not a Fascist group
and we abhor the idea of dic-
tatorship," Gano said. "We are
simply interested in protecting
the ideals of liberty which
made the American republic
great from the insidious en-
croachment of communism."

Koch said the campaign
against Warren was begun by
the society "because he has
allowed the court to stray
from the Constitution and be-
cause the decisions of the
court under his administra-
tion have destroyed the in-
ternal security apparatus of
the United States."

Chance said chapters are
already active in Centuria,
Mexico and Jefferson City in

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Missouri. Koch said chapters have been formed in recent months in Wichita, Hutchinson and Topeka and that there are other members throughout Kansas.

Dues \$24 a Year.

Membership in the society is \$1,000 for a life membership, \$24 a year annual membership for men and \$12 a year for women. There is a monthly newsletter of the society, as well as other publications.

Wint Smith, former member of Congress from the sixth district in Kansas who has long been an opponent of communism and what he considers to be ultra-liberal causes, has been speaking before society meetings throughout the United States since he retired from Congress last year.

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THE BIRCH TECHNIQUE SOWS DISTRUST.

ON the West coast and in some other parts of the country the highly controversial John Birch society became the means of spreading bitterness and creating divisions which seem entirely foreign to American communities. We hope there is enough good sense and good temper in the Kansas City area to prevent a recurrence of bitterness here.

In other areas the cause of public division has come from the smear technique. Acting on the claim that it was fighting communism, the society has hurled the charge of "pro-Communist" or "Communist dupes" at persons who opposed the society or disagreed with its ideas of government. The society's founder, Robert Welch, has made such charges against former President Eisenhower and others in the high places of government. Some of these attacks back-fired and were not endorsed by the society. But the method is part and parcel of the national operation.

Some public confusion is created by the society's claimed purpose of fighting communism. As interpreted by the society's top officers the word "communism" has a meaning different from the one accepted by the public. If the society were exposing subversive Communist activities it would have general support. Virtually all Americans can agree on attacking anything that comes under the accepted definition of communism.

The fact is, opinion against Communist plotters is so nearly unanimous that there is no issue to rally a national organization. The real problem comes down to subversion and Communist spy rings which can be dangerous. The defense against them is in the FBI and other arms of the government which are equipped to uncover sinister activities.

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OBVIOUSLY the Birch society isn't equipped to uncover real Communist activities. The attack of the society's spokesmen is aimed at political liberals and moderate conservatives who accept in any way the expanded functions of the federal government. In federal social programs and federal spending the Birch society appears to see a direct route to communism.

The society whips up a frenzied general impression of imminent peril from internal communism and in the guise of opposing it turns its attacks on long lists of writers, ministers, motion picture people, columnists and what not. Latching onto the battle against world communism the society lambasts supporters of foreign aid, the United Nations and the programs of present and past national administrations.

So in the view of the Birch society the word "Communist" has a wide application. And it becomes the weapon of the smear technique.

On parts of the society's claimed purposes most normal conservatives could agree. But responsible American conservatism does not sanction reckless use of the Communist label or any label as part of a deliberate smear operation.

The Birch society indicates its distrust of popular rule by its constantly repeated admonition that the United States is a republic not a democracy. Its efforts appear to be deliberately intended to undermine our present political system. Such activities by a semi-secret organization are not in character with the American tradition.

The American political system operates openly through public debate of issues and settlement of the issues at the polls. The strength of our system is in its essential moderation that seldom yields to wild extremists either on the far left or the far right. The American political system has never yielded to bitter semisecret societies that attack the normal political processes.

If the people of this area become fully aware of the past technique and procedures

of the Birch society, its methods could not be used effectively here. The best answer seems to be in the public good sense that has made the American political system succeed for nearly two centuries.

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[REDACTED] personally
visited the Office on 7/14/61 and desired information con-
cerning JOHN BIRCH Society. The FBI policy in regard to
dissemination of information was explained to [REDACTED]
and he stated that the only reason he came in was due to the
fact that [REDACTED] who is [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] had indicated a meeting
would be held in the near future and gave some indication
this would be a meeting of the John Birch Society. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] stated that inasmuch as he is in business in the
[REDACTED] area he could not very well refuse to attend
this meeting but he would like to furnish the purpose of
his attending this meeting in case this society is ever
determined to be one which is against the best interest of
the U. S.

He was advised that a note would be made of his
visit and the purpose of same.

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ATTACKS BIRCH SOCIETY

COLONEL KINTNER, 'COMMUNIST FRONT' PROGRAM.

Assistant to Foreign Policy Research Institute Calls for Middle Course.

By Harry Hannon.
(A Member of The Star's Staff.)

Ft. Leavenworth, July 28.—

The program of the John Birch society reads about like that of a Communist-front organization, Col. William R. Kintner of the office of the Army's deputy chief of staff for operations said today.

Speaking at the opening session of a 3-day Anti-Communism Strategy seminar, Colonel Kintner said the rightist organization "advocates policies solely on the basis of internal threats."

On Internal Basis.

"On the other side," he said, "there are the extreme liberals who say that if we could just solve our internal problems the threat of communism would go away."

Colonel Kintner, the author of several books and currently special assistant to the Foreign Policy Research Institute, advocated a middle course "within the bounds of action that can be prescribed by the American people."

More than 500 persons attended the session in Bell hall at the Command and General Staff college. The college joined with the Henry Leavenworth chapter of the Association of the United States Army as hosts to the seminar. The event is sponsored by the Freedoms foundation of Valley Forge, Pa., and the Institute for American Strategy.

Colonel Kintner, speaking in civilian dress, said that un-

like ourselves the Communists are planning their course far ahead in the "protracted conflict" between the two viewpoints.

Plans Include U. S.

"They are working on a 20-year plan that will take them up to 1985," he said, "and there is a place in that plan for you and me."

He said the Red practice of blowing hot and cold on world tensions sometimes reflects their own internal problems, and it may be that the current Berlin crisis is designed to divert the attention of the Russian people from their agricultural crisis and the troubles with Red China.

Welcoming the seminar group, Maj. Gen. Harold K. Johnson, commandant of the staff college, said he was mindful of the July 20 restrictions imposed by the Defense department on armed services personnel "intruding into the area of forming and directing public opinion."

He said the idea for the event started last fall and in January he obtained permission for it to be held under sponsorship of the two organizations.

From the first, an effort has been made to avoid any political color, General Johnson asserted, adding:

"No one of us on the administrative side of this seminar is running for office; we are running for an alert, aware, dedicated, strong United States of America."

An Important Question.

He recalled how an American soldier on a Korean hill-top, cold, dirty and probably partly hungry, once asked him:

"Why am I here, sir?"

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Johnson said if the seminar could make some such Americans understand why we must make sacrifices, it would be worthwhile.

"Surely we all agree on the necessity to be strong," he went on, "but I am not sure we all understand the nature of a conflict that is total, but at the same time totally different from any that has confronted us before in our history."

General Johnson said "our commander-in-chief as recently as Tuesday night established some strong, specific goals for us."

Another speaker, Charles S. Stevenson of Kansas City, a vice-president of the Freedoms foundation, said:

"It is clear today that we do not have to learn what are the forces against us, but what to do in combating them."

Battle of Words.

The foundation president, Dr. Kenneth D. Wells, said that World War II already is in progress, "not with missiles but with words . . . and the Red intentions to paralyze the American will."

In the massive Communist propaganda campaign, 14,170,000 pieces of mail and 14 million other packages came into this country last year, he said.

Dr. Lev E. Dobriansky, assistant professor of economics at Georgetown university, likened Western reaction to the Communist threat to that of a bull in the ring "which concentrates on the red cape rather than the matador behind it."

Behind a deceptive shield of ideology, he said, the Communists actually are carrying on a colonial, empire-building role that dates back 500 years in Russian history.

Our policy of containment has permitted Communist takeovers in Tibet in 1951, North Viet Nam in 1954 and Cuba in 1959, Dr. Dobriansky said.

The Reds set up a "spurious conflict between capitalism and communism, and Khrushchev would like to have us fight this myth rather than the blood-and-flesh reality of Russian totalitarian domination," he added.



Col. William R. Kintner.

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By James Allen, Editor
of Rightist Group.

About 50 persons attended
a meeting of the John Birch
society Friday night at which
a 2-hour film was shown of
Robert Welch, the society's
founder, reading from the
Blue Book of the society.

The meeting was held in the
green room at the Grandview
bank building in Grandview.
Kent Steffen, 525 Armour
boulevard, co-ordinator for
Kansas, Missouri and Oklaho-
ma, presided. A 45-minute
question-and-answer session
followed the film.

The Birch society is a right-
ist organization that is con-
cerned about the danger of in-
ternal subversion by Commu-
nists.

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WAY OF LIFE ERODING

COMMUNIST INROADS IN
U. S. ARE ASSERTED.

John Birch Society Official
Conspires Church and
Education Groups.

A high-ranking member of the John Birch society asked his audience last night to begin fighting what he described as a massive Communist conspiracy that is seizing control of every phase of American life.

Speaking to nearly 2,000 persons in the auditorium of Shawnee-Mission East high school, Fred C. Koch, a Wichita businessman, asserted that internal subversion directed by the Soviet Union is eroding American universities, churches, political parties, entertainment media, the State department and the United Nations.

Addresses a Club.

His lecture and the film "Operation Abolition" which followed, were given before the Northeast Johnson County Women's Republican club.

Koch is a member of the advisory council of the Birch society.

"Our universities have been one of the training grounds for communism in this country," the speaker said. He asserted that the National Education association was Communist infiltrated, and had been responsible for "Communist propaganda in this country's textbooks."

Attacks Church Council.

In a swipe at the National Council of Churches, Koch said that "Protestant ministers have been more highly infiltrated by Communists than any other group in America."

Koch charged that the stage, screen, radio and television have been highly infiltrated by Communists for many years.

Turning to politics, Koch stated that "the Communists have long since penetrated both the Democratic and Republican parties." He added that Communists have had a strong influence on political leaders.

Koch listed several methods which he said the Communists will use to "take over America."

Among them were the infiltration of high governmental offices "until even the President is a Communist—unknown to us, of course," and a massive labor strike.

"Nearly every man in Congress who has lifted his sword against communism has been destroyed," Koch stated.

About 30 persons left the auditorium before the end of the lecture, which lasted about an hour and one-half.

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John Birchers Conclude The Courier Is Communist Dupe

By DON FRANKLIN
Publisher of The Courier

Last week I began an editorial on the John Birch Society by stating that amid due Sanders, it had now arrived in Johnson county.

I was wrong.

It was already here.

Last week I wrote a story out of a general impression that the John Birch society existed elsewhere—perhaps in all the newspaper and magazine accounts which I had read, perhaps in the Blue Book of the society, but

certainly not in Johnson county.

I was wrong.

The John Birch Society was in Johnson county before Mr. Fred Koch, one of the 27 members of the national council of the society, spoke at East High school last week.

How many members the society has in Johnson county I do not know, all the I know some of them. But the number of sympathizers the society has here alarms me.

I stated last week that the John Birch Society was a greater threat to our free institutions than communism, and much closer to us.

That was an understatement.

It is not only a greater threat, it is not only closer to us, but the sympathy with its efforts is far greater in this county than with communism anywhere in the nation.

The United States of America stands under a far greater threat from fascism than communism. Of that there can be no doubt.

These members of this society are sincere, and determined. And the sincerity of those who sympathize with them is far more alarming than the efforts of the society itself.

It is not communism which terrifies these persons, and makes them organize these societies.

It is liberal government. It is the socially-conscious programs of federal and state government, the taxes for which cut into the high income of the wealthy.

It is not the communists who are the real enemy.

It is anyone who does not believe that government should shrink up to what it was 100 years ago. It is any liberal who is so extreme in his liberalism as to support social security, unemployment compensation, school aid, foreign aid of any kind, public works, integration, and a host of other programs.

If the John Birchers had their way, some years from now the United States would be ripe for communism. If the John Birchers had their way, the spread between rich and poor would be one day as great as it was in Russia and China, and the incentive for revolution would be equally as great.

It is not actual communists the John Birchers would like to run out of the United States. It is that majority of liberals who support and vote for a government like we have in this country today.

That majority rule must be overcome, the John Birchers are convinced. So they now put on their letterheads the new slogan of the society, "This is a Republic, not a Democracy. Let's Keep It That Way."

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To all those Johnson count-
flaps who imply in letters and
phone calls that I am a dupe

of the communist party, I
have only this to say:

Your fight is against
liberalism, and you know it
is. But you decided that that
fight could not be won by
arguing against liberal think-
ing and liberal government
on its own merits. So now
you have contrived a way
to infer that this is a direct
road to communism, and that
any liberal thinker is playing
into the hands of the com-
munists who plot control of
our government.

But you are the ones who
are deceived. For it is pre-
cisely liberal government
which best guarantees that
communism shall not get a
foothold in our society.

Communism thrives on
the poverty and ignorance
which would again exist
in this country if govern-
ment stepped aside, and let
the shrewd, the calculating,
the smarter, the more ag-
gressive take unlimited
advantage of the weak.

Those who make a straw
man of communism, while
they take punches at every
liberal thinker, must be
revealed for what they are.
Liberal thinkers, by their
nature, are too inclined to
tolerance and good will
toward this type of treat-
ment.

The John Birch society
aims at having 100,000 mem-
bers before the end of this
year, a million members soon.
And many of the members
it gets are the wealthy and
the powerful. I do not like
the prospect of what that
many John Birchers could do
in this country, with the
power which they represent.

Johnson countflaps can do
nothing about it on a national
scale, perhaps, but they cer-
tainly can on a local scale.
And the number one way to
do so is to dry up the chan-
nels thru which they com-
municate their distorted in-
formation — public meetings,
speeches, and showings of
films like "Operation Aboli-
tion."

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Mr. W. Mark Felt
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Room 707, U. S. Courthouse
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Felt:

Enclosed as a matter of possible interest to your office
is a copy of a recent issue of a local publication, The
Johnson County Courier, which contains vigorous editorials
on two controversial subjects, the film "Operation Abolition"
and the John Birch Society.

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Sincerely yours,

[Redacted Signature]

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John Birchers Find a New Way—

The Law Of Love Leaves No Outlet For Hatred

By Bob Kaiser

Publisher of The Courier

Perhaps the teaching that we should love our fellow-man has gone too far.

The time was when a man could get rid of his inclination to love his neighbor by giving a little to charity or some foreign mission, and then proceed to treat his neighbor pretty much how he wanted to.

Now we are taught by church, school, movies and television, and even by some politicians that we should love everyone — except for communists — regardless of their race, creed, or obnoxious personalities. That generally leaves no one to hate, with justification, closer than Russia or China, or at best, Cuba.

This much love is not natural.

So, in order to get a more usable object for hatred, and yet without violating the all-American ideal of loving everyone, except communists, we have started finding communists at home—all over the place.

The FBI and the intelligence branches of the military have lost control of the communist menace in the United States, apparently. Now they need 100,000, or perhaps a million self-appointed private detectives to keep track of all the communists.

Behind every liberal thinker lies a possible communist. Concealed in some inside compartment of the billfold of every guy we dislike just may be a card denoting membership in the communist party.

And with all this ground for suspicion, one gains a certain new lease on his need for an object for hatred.

Viewed in such a light, I feel certain that the articles in recent issues of The

IMPEACHMENT SOUGHT

It was reported to The Courier office Tuesday that a petition is being circulated in northeast Johnson county by members of the John Birch society urging the impeachment of Earl Warren as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Courier have accomplished at least one purpose. I have given a number of persons

laboring under the heavy burden of the law of love a justifiable object for hatred.

In just two weeks I have been called a socialist, a communist, a pinko, a stinko, a 10-year-old Marxist, a demagogue, a liar, a dupe, a fool, and an author of scurrilous diatribes smears, ranting and raving, inane, naive ideas, insults and trash.

I have little doubt that having unloaded this much ill will off their spirits, some have actually been able to feel a little more love for their own wives or husbands, and maybe even neighbors and friends. Viewed in such light, I feel almost like a benefactor.

If any reader thinks I am being entirely facetious, he is

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wrong. Some strong reason must exist, ~~deep-seated~~ in either the personality or the pocketbook, or both, to enable otherwise intelligent people to advise the elimination of foreign aid, alliances with other nations, efforts at integration, and aid to underdeveloped and backward nations, while at the same time trying to magnify the danger of communist infiltration in the United States completely out of any reasonable relationship to its danger.

If those who exert their efforts to publicize a supposed danger of communism in the United States were also working equally hard urging efforts to build up the economies of African and Asian nations, so that they would not be so subject to communist appeals, I would take them more seriously.

If members and sympathizers with the John Birch society wrote letters to their congressmen urging strengthening of the bonds between

the allies, such as NATO, and then also exerted efforts to show films like "Operation Abolition," I would read not just twice, but three or four times, what they warn about communism in America.

If those same persons were congratulating the supreme court for its efforts to bring justice into relationships between races, and supporting efforts toward integration, not only as a bar to communism in this nation, but also because it was the just and right thing to do, I would listen longer than I have to what they say about the communist menace in our society.

But so long as these ultra-conservatives, on whatever brand, continue their effort to eliminate the most enlightened programs of the United States, to undermine the Supreme Court, to call "traitor" at intelligent government leaders of both

parties, I shall not take seriously their distorted charges about communist subversion. Those persons are simply detracting from the real issues. They MUST not be taken seriously.

If the United States of America were to consciously set forth on a course of action designed to prepare the soil for a substantial inroad by communism in this nation, it could do nothing more effective than to follow the line of such groups as the John Birch society.

This, of course, the United States will not do. Regardless the number of members and sympathizers this society could enlist, it would still be a small minority.

In this respect, then, the society need not cause alarm out of proportion with its

own significance.

On the other hand, it is well that American citizens be sufficiently acquainted with this group, and the methods it uses, to be able to recognize the devices of false exposure, insinuation, and name calling for what they are.

Robert Welch, candy manufacturer, director of several business corporations, a director of the National Association of Manufacturers, and founder and head of the John Birch society, said in his handbook for the society:

"We must work quietly and without publicity if we are to succeed."

Succeed in what? In the words of the handbook again:

"If and when we can reach the point of turning just the American government from actively helping the communist conspiracy everywhere in the world, we shall have won a most important battle in the war ahead."

And what does this mean?

The program calls for the repeal of the Federal income tax amendment, an end to NATO and foreign

aid of all types, restrictions on collective bargaining, and the elimination of all civil rights programs. (America, April 15, 1961).

"In the view of Robert Welch, the society's founder, President Kennedy, former President Truman, former President Eisenhower, the late John Foster Dulles, and Allen W. Dulles were all dupes of the communist party." (The Nation, April 15, 1961.)

The following are excerpts from the Blue Book of the John Birch society.

"The first great basic weakness of the United States, and hence its susceptibility to the disease of collectivism, is simply the age of the western European civilization."

"Push the Communists back, get out of the bed of a Europe that is dying with this cancer of collectivism, and breathe our own healthy air of opportunity, enterprise, and freedom."

"Now let's look at the job itself."

1. "First we would establish reading rooms somewhat similar to the Christian Science reading rooms. How many books each of these reading rooms would have, especially which books, and under what arrangements, would of course have to be tightly controlled from headquarters."

2. "Second, since getting the truth about both recent history and current events into as many hands and heads as possible is so important, we would see that the circulation of the conservative periodicals was expanded as rapidly as could be done without too much waste."

3. "We would do everything we could to support, maintain, increase the number of stations used, and widen the audience of, such radio programs as those of Fulton

Lewis, Clarence Manion, and others."

4. "We would institute the organized ~~committee~~ and control to make full and effectively co-ordinated use of the powerful letter-writing weapon that lies so ready at hand."

5. "We would organize fronts — little fronts, big fronts, temporary fronts, permanent fronts, all kinds of fronts."

"The most effective fronts, on either side, are AD HOC Committees, aimed to establish, or at least publicize, one particular purpose. Let me suggest a few examples: 1) Committee for withdrawal of recognition from Russia, 2) Committee to protest the firing of Medford Evans, 3) Committee for the forty-eight states, a petition to impeach supreme court justice Earl Warren, 4) Committee to investigate Communist influences at Vassar College, 5) Women against labor union hoodlumism."

6. "Another thing we should do, and one badly needed, would be to start shocking the American public. The best way to do this is by exposure, which is why the Communists just had to get rid of McCarthy, and went to such extreme lengths to do so. No committee we might set up, of course, would have the subpoena privileges of McCarthy, which makes our job far more difficult."

"But, admitting the difficulties, some really dramatic exposures would be worth a lot. For example, there is the head of one of the great educational institutions in the East whom at least some of us believe to be a Communist. Even with a hundred thousand dollars to hire sleuths to keep him and his present contacts under constant surveillance for a while, and to retrace every detail of his past history, I doubt if we could prove it on him. But—with just five thousand dollars to pay for the proper amount of careful research, I believe we could get all the material

needed for quite a shock. Then we would run a magazine article consisting entirely of questions to this man, which would be devastating in their implications. The question technique, when skillfully used in this way, is mean and dirty. But the Communists we are after are meaner and dirtier, and too slippery for you to put your finger on them in the ordinary way—no matter how much they look and act like prosperous members of the local Rotary club."

9. "A Republican form of government or of organization has many attractions and advantages, under certain favorable conditions. But under less happy circumstances it lends itself too readily to infiltration, to distortion and disruption. And democracy, of course, in government or organization is merely a deceptive phrase, a weapon of demagoguery and a perennial fraud."

"There are many reasons why in the fight immediately ahead we cannot stop for parliamentary procedures or a lot of arguments among ourselves. Actually, we are going to cut through the red tape and parliamentary briar patches and road blocks of confused purpose with direct authority at every turn whenever and wherever, either through infiltration by the enemy or honest differences of opinion, the loyalty to the organization or to the leader ceases to be sufficient to keep some fragment in line; we are not going to be in the position of having the society's work weakened by raging debates." "Members who cease to feel the necessary degree of loyalty can either resign or will be put out before they build up any splintering following of their own inside the society. As I have said, we mean business."

Kansas City, Missouri
September 6, 1961

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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The Kansas City Times, a newspaper of general circulation, contained an article in the July 26, 1961 issue by [] a member of the Star's Staff, reflecting efforts are being made to organize a chapter of the John Birch Society in Kansas City, Missouri. The first meeting was expected within the next week or ten days as a part of an organizing effort in other areas of Kansas and Missouri.

The above was confirmed on July 25, 1961 by []

[] and a member of the Supreme Council of John Birch Society. [] said that an organizer was working in both St. Louis and Kansas City, as well as other areas of Kansas. []

[] said, "We hope to have the organizing meeting of the chapter in Kansas City sometime within the next few days". [] declined to say who the organizers were and who were working for the formation of the chapters. He said the Society has recently brought in a full-time organizer to work organizing chapters in Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.

FREDERICK KOCH of Wichita, Kansas, President of the Rock Island Oil and Refining Company and a member of the Supreme Council of the John Birch Society, said the organizer's name was [] KOCH said [] came from [] to work for the Society and has been getting a fine response to his efforts.

[] said chapters are already active in Centralia, Mexico and Jefferson City in Missouri. KOCH said chapters have been formed in recent months in Wichita, Hutchinson and Topeka, Kansas and that there are other members throughout Kansas.

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Membership in the Society is \$1,000 for a life membership, \$24.00 a year annual membership for men and \$12.00 a year for women. There is a monthly news letter in the Society as well as other publications.

WINT SMITH, former member of Congress from the 16th District of Kansas who has long been an opponent of Communism and what he considers to be ultra-liberal, has been speaking before Society meetings throughout the United States since he retired from Congress last year.

The Kansas City Star, a newspaper of general circulation, August 13, 1961, contained a news item which reflected that about fifty persons attended a meeting of The John Birch Society, August 11, 1961, at Grandview, Missouri.

A two-hour film was shown of ROBERT WELCH, the Society's founder, reading from the Blue Book of the Society.

[redacted]
[redacted] for Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma, presided. A 45 minute question and answer session followed the film.

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On August 15, 1961, an issue of The Kansas City Times, a newspaper of general circulation, contained the following news item:

'A high-ranking member of the John Birch society asked his audience last night to begin fighting what he described as a massive Communist conspiracy that is seizing control of every phase of American life.

'Speaking to nearly 1,000 persons in the auditorium of Shawnee-Mission East high school, Fred C. Koch, a Wichita businessman, asserted that internal subversion directed by the Soviet Union is eroding American universities, churches, political parties, entertainment media, the State Department and the United Nations.

'His lecture and the film 'Operation Abolition' which followed, were given before the Northeast Johnson County Women's Republican Club.

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

"Koch is a member of the advisory council of the Birch society.

"Our universities have been one of the training grounds for communism in this country," the speaker said.

"He asserted that the National Education Association was Communist infiltrated, and had been responsible for 'Communist propaganda in this country's textbooks.'

"In a swipe at the National Council of Churches, Koch said that 'Protestant ministers have been more highly infiltrated by Communists than any other group in America.'

"Koch charged that the stage, screen, radio and television have been highly infiltrated by Communists for many years.

"Turning to politics, Koch stated that, 'the Communists have long since penetrated both the Democratic and Republican parties.' He added that Communists have had a strong influence on political leaders.

"Koch listed several methods which he said the Communists will use to 'take over America.'

"Among them were the infiltration of high governmental offices 'until even the President is a Communist--unknown to us, of course,' and a massive labor strike.

"Nearly every man in Congress who has lifted his sword against communism has been destroyed," Koch stated.

"About 30 persons left the auditorium before the end of the lecture, which lasted about an hour and one-half."

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SAC, KANSAS CITY (100-11488)

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Attached hereto are five copies of a letterhead
memorandum dated and captioned as above.

In accordance with Bureau instructions, no
investigation is being conducted.

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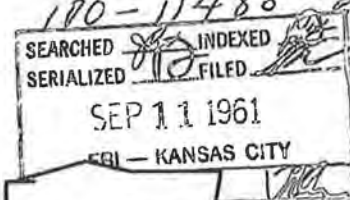
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On 9/11/61 [redacted]
[redacted] personally called at the office concern-
ing the captioned organization.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-11488)

FROM :

SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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On September 8, 1961, [REDACTED]
born [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], advised he had recently been a [REDACTED] for
[REDACTED] where he resides at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Since his candidacy he has been approached
by many organizations, recently by the John Birch Society.
He has been invited to attend a meeting in Avondale tonight
and desires to go to see what it is all about. He does not
intend to join this society and wanted to know if his
attendance at such a meeting would jeopardize his status
in any way. He was told by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] that the decision to attend such a meeting was his
own and if he heard any comments at such meetings in which
the FBI might be interested, it would be appreciated if
such information were relayed to us.

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WINT SMITH RAPS ACTIONS OF EARL WARREN.

Former Kansas Congressman
Gives Talk Before Uni-
tarian Forum.

The John Birch society, de-
clared former Congressman
Wint Smith, of Mankato, Kan.,
yesterday in a talk before the
Unitarian forum, has every
right to ask for the impeach-
ment of Supreme court Chief
Justice Earl Warren.

But Smith said such a move
could not succeed under this
country's legal procedures. In
his talk at All Souls Unitarian
church, the speaker said, his
sympathies were linked with
the society's determined move
to combat Communist influ-
ence in America.

Cites a Record.

"The Supreme court," he
said, "had handed down seven
decisions in favor of the Com-
munists, and Earl Warren's
name was among the signers
on each of those opinions. Not
until just recently, in our long
battle against communism in
this country, has the Supreme
court ruled that the Commu-
nist forces in this country are
not a political party."

Speaking on the subject,
"Why I Am a Conservative,"
Smith declared himself firmly
opposed to the present pro-
gram for the elimination of
slums.

"The government," he said,
"has no right under the con-
stitution to enter into the
slum clearance business. Af-
ter all, it is doing nothing more
than creating new slums
somewhere else."

Suggests a Plan.

Social welfare measures that
put taxpayers' money into the
hands of men who will not
work to earn a living are
wrong in principle, Smith said.
He said methods should be de-
veloped, but by state and lo-
cal agencies, to take care of
sick persons who have no in-
come, or persons otherwise un-
able to earn a living.

Smith noted that he had
not seen a flag flying any-
where in Kansas City, as he
drove to the church. He said
flags should have been flying
everywhere, asking his listen-
ers if they knew why. No
hands showed. He then stated
it was the anniversary of the
signing of the U. S. Consti-
tution.

The Kansas City Times

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Title: John Birch
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TO : SAC (100-11488)

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FROM : Clerk, [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

[REDACTED] Phone no. [REDACTED]

Telephonically contacted this office this date at approx.

5:35 this pm, to inform the FBI of an Anti-Birch Society Meeting
to be held this pm at the American Legion building on 75th st.
west of 69 Highway, Kansas City, Mo. He did not know the time
of the meeting, but thought the FBI would be interested in
this meeting.

Indices reflect no record on [REDACTED]

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October 27, 1961

Dear Sirs;

I would like any information
you could send me concerning
the John Birch Society. I
am writing a research paper
for an English course.

I thank you.

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707 United States Court House
Kansas City, Missouri
October 30, 1961

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

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This will acknowledge your letter of
October 27, 1961, in which you request information
concerning the John Birch Society. *WJ*

The records and files of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation are maintained in strictest
confidence by specific direction of the Attorney
General.

This letter should not be interpreted
either that this office has or does not have
information which you request.

Sincerely,

W. MARK FELT
Special Agent in Charge

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[REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED] called
to comment about the "Night Beat" program on WHB.
She suspects some people calling in may be Communist
sympathizers, because they are in opposition to the
John Birch Society.

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BIRCHIST IGNORES U. S.

Request to Robert Welch for Data on Reds in Government Produces No Acknowledgement, Justice Department Official Says.

AFTER A TALK

Letter Was Sent December 20 Following Austin Speech, Yeagley Says.

Washington, Jan. 30. (AP)—The Justice department has asked Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch society, to produce any evidence supporting his charges of Communists in government but Welch has not responded to the request made December 8.

J. Walter Yeagley, assistant attorney general, chief of the department's internal security division, said today he wrote Welch about a speech Welch gave November 20 in Austin, Tex.

Attributed to Him.

Yeagley said news accounts quoted Welch as referring to "a comparatively few thousand Communists, concentrated in key departments" of the government.

"The charges you make are not to my knowledge supported by the material in the investigative files of government employees," Yeagley wrote Welch.

"It would be my suggestion that you turn over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation at once such facts as may be in your possession and the sources thereof which you believe establish that certain government employees are members of the Communist party."

Asks for Evidence.

"If appropriate action is to be taken, it is necessary that such data as you indicate you possess be made available for the use of the government."

Yeagley is responsible for prosecuting anyone who falsely denied Communist party membership in applying for government work.

Yeagley said neither he nor the FBI received acknowledgement of his letter to Welch.

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TO : SAC (100-11488)

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FROM :

SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT:

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[REDACTED]
telephonically contacted the office on 2/3/62 and advised
that he had heard that an individual by the name of [REDACTED]

or [REDACTED]

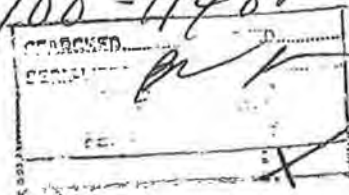
[REDACTED], was a strong advocate of the John Birch Society.

He stated his source of this information was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who had informed him that she had been contacted by a
woman, name unrecalled, and had asked her to boycott
firm. [REDACTED] is employed at the [REDACTED] He

stated that his information was strictly hearsay but he
wished to furnish it to the FBI.

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On March 21, 1962, at 4:00 p.m., one [redacted] spoke to a group of 150 to 200 persons at the Student Union Theater, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas. The advertised topic of this talk was "The John Birch Society - A Menace to 'Dem'". Love was further billed as a Wichita, Kansas industrialist and founding member of the John Birch Society. His talk lasted for about one hour, with a question and answer period of equal length following. His talk was sponsored by the Student Union Browsing Library Committee of Kansas State University.

[redacted] set forth a ten point program of the Society directed toward combatting the growth of Communism, which was apparently the general theme of his talk. He touched upon the objective to the Society to cause the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren, indicating that Justice Warren's appointment was a political payoff and that he had no judicial experience prior to his appointment.

[redacted] urged his audience to keep informed of the threat of Communism and to see that the circulation of "conservative" periodicals is expanded to insure that "left-wingers" and "liberals" do not gain control through default.

There were no demonstrations at this meeting and it received a minimum of local publicity.

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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Enclosed herewith are ten copies of a letterhead memorandum, suitable for dissemination, relative to a speech made on the campus of the Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, on 3/21/62, by [redacted] a supporter and admitted charter member of the John Birch Society.

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The source of information in this case is [redacted]
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TO : SAC, Kansas City (100-11488)

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (62-104401)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Reurlet 3/27/62 enclosing 10 copies of a letterhead memorandum relative to a speech made on 3/21/62 by Robert Love on the campus of the Kansas State University.

✓ For your future guidance the Bureau does not desire information concerning captioned Society submitted in memorandum form inasmuch as we are not investigating the organization nor are we disseminating any information concerning it unless it is of an extremely pertinent and urgent nature. Therefore, unless future information is of such nature it should not be submitted in letterhead memorandum form. Also, 10 copies of a letterhead memorandum submitted to the Bureau is deemed excessive and you should follow the policy for the submission of reports in determining the number of copies of a letterhead memorandum to be furnished the Bureau.

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SAC, Kansas City (100-11488)

Director, FBI (62-104401)

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Reurlet 3/27/62 enclosing 10 copies of a
letterhead memorandum relative to a speech made on
3/21/62 by [redacted] on the campus of the Kansas
State University.

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GREETING THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY FOUNDER, Robert Welch (center), on his arrival at the U-Smille restaurant for a talk today to the Blue Valley Manufacturers and Business Men's association are Donald Suddarth (left), president of the Blue Valley association, and Kent Steffgen, Birch society co-ordinator here.

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RED HAND SEEN IN GOVERNMENT

Robert Welch Launches a
Broadside Attack Against
American Policies.

SAME TREND SINCE 1939

John Birch Founder, Talking
to Manufacturers, Asserts
We Aid Communists.

Robert Welch, founder
and leader of the John
Birch society, said here
yesterday that the United
States government is work-
ing with Moscow in an evil
conspiracy to turn the na-
tions of the world over to
communism.

Speaking before the Blue Val-
ley Manufacturers and Business-
men's association, the gray-
haired former candy manufac-
turer also:

• Declared the only U. S.
purpose in dropping the atomic
bomb on Japan in World War II
was to help future Communist
propaganda against America.

• Called President Sukarno of
Indonesia a "criminal traitor to
his own people" and "vicious
Communist murderer."

Attack on Nixon.

• Attacked Richard Nixon,
former vice-president, for in-
troducing Sukarno to a joint
session of Congress and for par-
ticipating in the inauguration of
Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana.

• Described communism as
being not a movement of the
masses but a power drive by
an "inner clique, always the
most wealthy, the most power-
ful, the most skillful politically."

More than half of the 120 per-
sons in the audience stood to ap-
plaud Welch after his speech,
which was given at a regular
luncheon of the Blue Valley
group at the U-Smile Motor
hotel on U. S. 40.

In a book titled "The Politi-
cian," Welch labeled former
President Eisenhower as a
"dedicated, conscious agent of
the Communist conspiracy. He
called former Presidents Tru-
man and Roosevelt "tools of
communism."

At the beginning of his more
than hour-long speech, Welch
said he would answer no ques-
tions at the close. He did, how-
ever, answer the question of one
reporter before cutting off fur-
ther discussion.

Portrays Next Decade.

Welch outlined Communist ad-
vances during the last 10 years
and then gave his view of what
the next 10 years might be like
if the present trends continue.
"In 1952 even Bolivia, which
was the first Latin American
country to be taken over perma-
nently by the Communists
Bolivia was the first to go Com-
munist and stay there in
1952 even Bolivia was not yet
gone," Welch said.

Bolivia, he said, "is the only
case I know where the Commu-
nist puppet dictators have ad-
mitted America's foreign aid
money was the thing that sus-
tained them and enabled them
to do it."

Welch spoke almost with the
flair of an evangelist, wagging
his finger at the audience and
gesturing expansively.

Drive by a Clique.

"The idea that communism is
a revolt of the masses, the
downtrodden poor against the
bosses, is as phony as anything
about communism," he said.
"Communism is a drive of a
power-seeking inner clique, al-
ways the most wealthy, the
most powerful, the most skillful
politically in any country to take
over."

"And in this program as well
as in undermining and over-
throwing the two or three re-
maining anti-Communist gov-
ernments in Latin America, all
experience and all evidence in-
dicate that the Communists can
count on the unceasing support
of all-powerful influences in
Washington."

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"The United States government and the United Nations have even dared brazenly to show their hands in a military effort to subjugate Katanga for their Communist friends."

Welch said there has been little change in the policies or even the personnel of the last four Washington administrations, that they "have been doing it since 1939, really."

Slight to the Queen.

Listing ways in which the British and the U. S. governments have aided the Communists, Welch said one was the indignity of having Jomo Kenyatta, former Mau Mau leader, be "forced on the queen of England, to be royally entertained as an equal and honored guest. . . . The queen is going to have to dance with him, entertain him at dinner and so forth and so on."

He said Nixon witnessed an ostentatious snub of the United States when he attended the inauguration of Kwame Nkrumah in Ghana.

"Nevertheless, Mr. Nixon dutifully and according to protocol paid his respects to this new royalty of Africa by kissing Nkrumah on both cheeks," Welch said.

"Nobody would believe us anymore than they have been willing to believe our repeated exposition over the last five years of the steps being taken by our government to insure that South Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and all of French Indochina should fall into Communist hands."

Like Our Pioneers.

"If the Secret Army organiza-

tion, which is composed of the finest people in France and the French army and the French settlers . . . they have a lot of get-up and go exactly like our pioneers here . . . were not behind the O. A. S., there wouldn't be any O. A. S."

"There is one country in the world which has actually suffered from the explosion of an atomic bomb, and that suffering, you remember, was at the hands of the United States . . . in dropping bombs for no sound purpose whatsoever or any other purpose except to help future Communist propaganda on the civilian population of the cities of Japan which had already been trying desperately for months to surrender."

Welch said, however, that it might still be possible for an aroused public to reverse the Communist tide.

"It is still possible to bring about such a bright new dawn after the hours of darkness," he concluded.

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DATE: 4/25/62

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: ROBERT WELCH, JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On April 12, 1962, there appeared an article in the Wichita Morning Eagle, at Wichita, Kansas indicating that ROBERT WELCH, Founder and President of the JOHN BIRCH Society, was in the Kansas City and Wichita area on Wednesday April 12, 1962, in an attempt to build his organization strength in this area. WELCH is quoted as saying "We aren't very strong in this area". The article continued "from WELCH indicating he was in Wichita, Kansas on April 11, 1962 where he spoke twice and anticipated a speech in Kansas City."

The article added that at a noon meeting of the Blue Valley Manufacturing and Businessmen's Association, 120 persons heard WELCH speak against the Communist menace in our country.

WELCH said he was leaving Kansas City for Los Angeles on Friday, and would speak to a University of Nevada group at Reno on the following Tuesday, and then return to Boston.

On April 11, 1962, [REDACTED] a local insurance man with offices in the [REDACTED], advised he attended the meeting where ROBERT WELCH spoke at Wichita, Kansas on April 10, 1962. This meeting was held at the private residence of FRED KOCH, who has long been identified as a Kansas member of the JOHN BIRCH Society. According to [REDACTED], most of the speech given by WELCH was devoted to denouncing French President DeGaulle as being a Communist and he predicted that in a very short time DeGaulle would announce to the world his Communist affiliation in much the same manner as was done by Premier FIDALE GASTRO of Cuba. ✓

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TO : SAC (100-0-11527-A)

FROM :

SA [redacted]

SUBJECT:

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INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 5-11-62, [redacted]

[redacted] telephone [redacted] a self-employed
[redacted] who works in his home, telephonically contacted
this office.

He advised he is the [redacted] of the
John Birch Society. He said he wanted to cooperate with the
FBI in every way possible and said he was going to give
information regarding this organization, his members, etc.
He stated he was completely loyal to this country.

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TO : SAC, (100-11488)

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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He stated that prior to [redacted] talk was the program, conducted by [redacted] who identified himself as a [redacted] of the [redacted]

During this program, religious hymns were sung.

[redacted] stated he was making this information available because he suspected that [redacted] may be a member of a "Hate" group and because it may tie in with information already available to the FBI. [redacted] also stated he was writing an article concerning [redacted] speech and that this article would appear in a future issue of "Wichita This Week".

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On 7/31/62, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that [redacted] is almost constantly traveling about the country and that he did not know [redacted] city of residence. He believed that [redacted] who is affiliated with [redacted]

[redacted] is probably from [redacted] or can be reached through the [redacted]

The above is being furnished for information.

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TO : S.A.C.

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FROM : S.A. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: John Birch Society

On 8/21/62 at 1:30 pm [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], telephone number [REDACTED] stated that he
was calling from a phone booth on [REDACTED] (JE 1-9766), and
that he was working at 1412 [REDACTED] as a [REDACTED]. The
building, as he understood it, was to be a John Birch Society
Freedom Center. He had gone across the street from his job to
get a cup of coffee at a doughnut shop, and had been subjected to
some verbal abuse effecting that he was working for a Communist
and on a Communist building. During the same day, he had entered
a tavern in the area, and had been told the same thing.
[REDACTED] stated that if he was working for a
Communist or on a Communist building that he would quit immediately,
and wanted to know whether or not the John Birch Society was a
Communist Organization or not. He was advised that the newspapers
on occasion had stated that the John Birch Society was an anti-
Communist organization.

[REDACTED] further stated that he works for [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. He said that his
employer wanted the employees to read the literature handed out
by him [REDACTED], and that he has some letters at home verifying
this. He had heard that the "Star" had had an article in it about
2 months ago noting that the John Birch Society was Communistic,
and was going to look the article up.

He also stated that [REDACTED] had some brothers, who are farmers
in [REDACTED] and that he believes the brothers are Communists. He
remembers calling one of the brothers, [REDACTED], a Communist to
his face in front of [REDACTED]. He said the brothers are continually
talking about Castro and Cuba and how glad they are that Canada is
trading with them.

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TO : SAC, KC (62-0)

FROM :

SA [redacted]

SUBJECT:

FREEDOM CENTER, INC.
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 8/21/62, [redacted] residence [redacted]
[redacted] who operates the [redacted]
[redacted] came
to this office.

He said he wanted to give information about a
new corporation called Freedom Center, Inc., which he
said had been incorporated by [redacted]

He said Freedom Center, Inc. will
operate a book store at 1412 Westport Road, Kansas City,
Mo., JE 1-6003 and that [redacted]

[redacted] said that Freedom Center, Inc. is a
non-profit organization organized for patriotic purposes.
He said he and the other incorporators are anti-communist
and the purpose of Freedom Center, Inc. is to operate a
book store handling anti-communist literature and acquaint
people with the dangers of communism in the Midwest.

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TO : SAC (100-0)

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

INFORMATION CONCERNING

[REDACTED] Fort Leavenworth, Kansas on 9-19-62 advised he is receiving correspondence from Subject who writes on letterhead stationary of the [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] requesting the loan of film from the post library.

[REDACTED] displayed a letter from [REDACTED] ~~indicating~~ attached to a public letter inviting the public to attend showings of films by the Conservation Educational Forum each 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at the Johnson County Community Center 6019 Lamar, Mission, Kansas. The invitation was to show [REDACTED] the use to which he was putting this film. The invitation was in the form of a program of a previous meeting in which one [REDACTED] discussed Anti Communist topics and similar films were shown.

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] appears in the "Whos Who" and appears to be reputable but ~~xxx~~ he is unable to find any record of [REDACTED] other than a book [REDACTED] entitled The Hope of the World (religion).

[REDACTED] stated in view of recent criticism of the Army in connection with their Anti communist activities he did not want to ~~start~~ be supplying such films to someone who might use it for a purpose ~~for~~ ~~which~~ other than for which it was intended.

Please check KC indices and furnish any data which can be furnished [REDACTED]

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TO : SAC (100-11488)

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On December 29, 1962, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] telephonically advised
that he had previously furnished information to the FBI
concerning [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

He advised that he has received information
that [REDACTED] address unknown,
is presently in Kansas City, Mo., visiting [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] frequently
talks about Communism and recalls that in the past he has
praised [REDACTED] and many Communist ideas. He advised
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] would undoubtedly go to
Florida for a vacation prior to the time [REDACTED]
would return to [REDACTED] He assumed that
[REDACTED] could either be contacted at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] or at the residence of [REDACTED] located at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The above is submitted as a matter of information.

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TO : SAC(100-11488)

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DATE: 6-18-63

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FROM : [REDACTED] - Complaint Clerk

SUBJECT: FREEDOM CENTER, INC.
Info-Concerning

On 6-18-63, [REDACTED]
telephonically contacted this office and advised as follows:

She is employed by [REDACTED] distributors of the [REDACTED] Directory. Her job consists in checking out addresses and names to be compiled in the current city directory. While inquiring at 1414 Westport Road on 6-17-63, she learned that this address is occupied by the Standard Home Improvement Co. and by an organization called "FREEDOM CENTER, INC." which operates in the basement of the building. According to [REDACTED] she was advised by a woman, believed by [REDACTED] to be the [REDACTED] of the organization, that FREEDOM CENTER, INC. was a non-profit organization and that they definitely did not want the organization to be listed in the city directory. She further advised that this same woman made the comment that "President Kennedy was brainwashing the American citizens and that in 3 or 4 years there would be no freedom--just communism."

Indices negative on [REDACTED]-reflect serial reference 100-11488-42 on FREEDOM CENTER, INC.

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TO : SAC (100-11488)

DATE: May 28, 1964 b6
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FROM : SA (A) [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: FREEDOM CENTER, INC.
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On May 25, 1964, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] came to the Kansas
City Office. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He advised that in the
winter he lives in [REDACTED] and is on friendly relations
with the FBI Office there.

It is noted that [REDACTED] has visited the Kansas City
Office before and has made similar requests. He left a
mimeographed sheet explaining the purpose of Freedom Center, Inc.,
which states it is to promote patriotism and to conduct an
area-wide program of public education in the fields of loyalty
to our country and the American free enterprise system. He
stated that at the Freedom Center, Inc., they have numerous books
on display, and he furnished the latest inventory of books in
stock as of December 1963. These items are being placed in
exhibit file 100-11488. 436

[REDACTED] stated he keeps abreast of most periodicals and
papers of all organizations and has recently become a subscriber
to The Worker. A copy of this memorandum is being placed in
KC file 100-11778, since this will corroborate the information
reported from the New York Office in April 1964 concerning
notification that [REDACTED] receives The Worker.

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TO : SAC (100-11488)

DATE: 9/23/64

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

[REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED] business phone [REDACTED] appeared at the Kansas City Office on 9/17/64, and stated he was interested in working for the Bureau. This man does not meet basic requirements for the position of Special Agent inasmuch as he is over age and does not have the required educational background.

He said he is presently in business for himself as a [REDACTED] under the firm name of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said inasmuch as he was not eligible for employment as a Special Agent, he would like to volunteer his services in any way that he might be of value to this office. He indicated that he was presently the [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] of the John Birch Society, and said "we are strongly in favor of the FBI" as you no doubt know.

This contact is being made a matter of record in the event that at some future date his services might be utilized.

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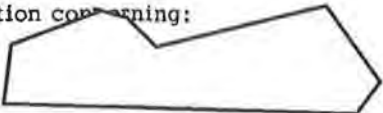
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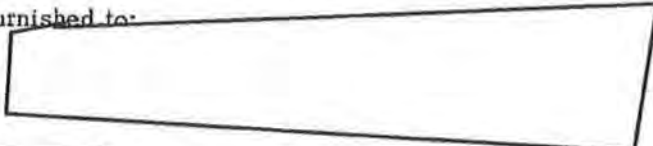
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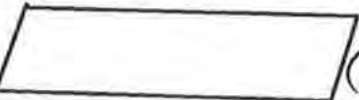
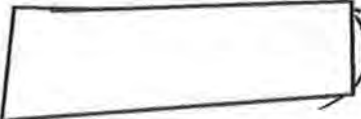
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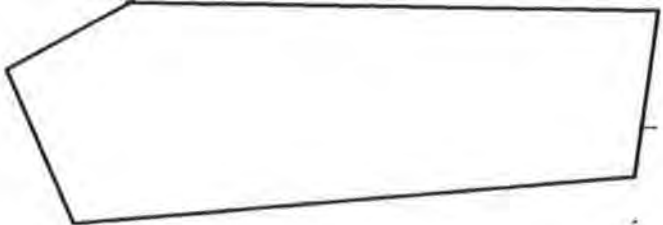
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OUTBURSTS END BIRCH PROGRAM

Talks on Rightist Group
Stop After Religious
Issue Is Raised

ATTENDED BY HUNDREDS

Debates Break Out in
Audience at Ruskin
Cafeteria

By Harry Jones, Jr.
(A Member of The Star's Staff)

A debate over the John Birch society collapsed in its closing minutes last night into a hot religious argument that boiled down to fundamentalism versus the more liberal approach to religion.

The National Council of Churches was even accused of being the greatest aid to the Communist party in the country before the 4-man debate was finally halted, somewhat abruptly.

Given Warm Attention

Before this outburst, spirited attention had been focused on the stated subject of the debate—whether the Birch society is a patriotic organization or a national menace.

And, as often is the case at such meetings, audience participation at times added certain sideshow entertainment to the evening.

Robert D. Love, president of a box company in Wichita and a member of the national advisory council of the society, and the Rev. Robert I. Hatch, pastor of the First Bible Presbyterian church and a Birch chapter leader, defended the society.

Arguing against the society were the Rev. Bruce Rahtjen, associate professor of theology, St. Paul School of Theology, Methodist, and the Rev. Allen Hingston, pastor of the All Saints Episcopal church.

Between 400 and 500 persons gathered in the large cafeteria of the Ruskin high school to

hear the arguments, and at times to voice certain opinions of their own.

Socialism Is Charged

The charge against the National Council of Churches was made by Mr. Hatch, who added that it preaches social gospel instead of love of Jesus Christ or love of the Bible. The council advocates humanism, he said, which he said he defines as socialism.

Dr. Rahtjen immediately challenged Mr. Hatch with: "I defy you to document that the National Council of Churches doesn't preach the Gospel!"

He added that of those in the council he knows, "You'll have to go a long way to find better Christians."

With that, the evening's program would have ended except for a woman in the audience, who jumped to her feet and shouted, "The Southern Baptist association won't go along with the National Council of Churches!" The rest of her remarks were drowned out by new, smaller debates that immediately broke out like brush fires in the cafeteria as the speaker's platform was vacated.

The Birch society was described in a variety of ways. Mr. Hatch opened by saying the society was "extremist—extremely patriotic... not a hate group, but a love group" and a group that has raised the standard against the enemy of America both from within and without. That enemy: communism.

Seen as One-Man Rule

Father Hingston said it is "a one-man society dedicated to the purposes of one Robert Welch. I. Mr. Welch tomorrow decided to wage war on marshmallows, the members of the society would have no choice but to follow."

Replying that the society is voluntary, Love also said Birch society members are "extremists," adding, "extremely worried about their country" and that its aim is "less government, more responsibility and a better world."

Rahtjen said the society is confused about the nature of communism and is destroying what the nation stands for in its attempts to save it.

While the arguments pro and con were not entirely new on either side, Love did mention some points about the society that were not general know-

edge. He said that its membership is now about 100,000 and that it had gained about 5,000 members nationally in November.

Compared to Caterpillar

Considerable time was spent in arguing over the relationship of socialism and communism, with Love starting it by comparing the relationship as similar to that between a caterpillar and a butterfly.

Their economic systems are identical, he said. They differ only in methods by which they would overturn it with force while the socialists would prefer using books and ballots to achieve the same end.

Dr. Rahtjen argued that Karl Marx had attacked socialism bitterly. He added that countries in Europe and South America with Democratic Socialism have had no communist problems while those without it and in need of social reform have had such trouble.

Both Love and Mr. Hatch were critical of the Southside Association of Independent Democrats (S. A. I. D.), which sponsored the debate, for not having started the meeting with a prayer and pledge of allegiance to the flag, as Birch society meetings are begun.

Question Period Held

The first hour of the debate was broadcast live over radio station KCMO. A question-and-answer session that had been scheduled for afterwards was at first called off, but later, with only about 150 persons left, was held. Father Hingston had left by then.

As soon as the first hour ended, a break was taken and Paul Kornodle, 4100 Martha Truman road, orally assailed Father Hingston for having smoked three cigarettes while sitting on the platform, and blowing smoke out his nose.

"That's better than what you're blowing out your mouth," shouted an unidentified defender of the clergyman.

Documented sources used in the debate included the Bible, Hitler's "Mein Kampf," Welch's "Blue Book," the Birch society 16-page Sunday supplement that is running in several newspapers and the Worker, a Communist publication.

Dr. Rahtjen likened passages from Hitler's book to some in Welch's, noting that both have

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Editor: Richard B. Fowler
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attacked clergymen as Communists and tried to attack the judiciary.

Passage Is Found
Mr. Hatch challenged him to find the exact quotation from Hitler on calling clergymen Communists. This took a while, as Dr. Rahtjen searched through the book. He finally located what he was after on page 367 of the 1940 edition, in which Hitler called clergymen engaged in politics "wretched profiteers" who "ally themselves with the Marxist mortal enemies of all religion."

As the audience milled about the cafeteria afterwards, questioning the speakers or having their own arguments, one high school boy declared, "When I came in here, I was sympathetic to the Birch society, but now I wouldn't have anything to do with it. They probably even think that I'm a Communist."

But another youth, as she left a small crowd around Love, told her mother, with obvious awe, "Well, I got to touch him," and she held up the hand that had shaken the hand of the Birch Society leader.



NEARLY 500 PERSONS GATHERED in the Ruskin high school cafeteria last night to hear three clergymen and a member of the national advisory council of the John Birch society debate whether the society is patriotic or a menace. Left to right at the speaker's platform were the Rev. Allen Hingston, the Rev. Bruce Rahtjen (standing), the Rev. Robert I. Hatch, and Robert D. Love, of Wichita.

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A BIRCH OFFICIAL RESIGNS THE POST

Richard C. Lyons, Jr., Has
Served as a Vol-
unteer

NO REPLACEMENT YET

He Has Helped Organize
Chapters in Kansas
City Area

Richard C. Lyons, Jr., volunteer co-ordinator for the John Birch society in Greater Kansas City, has resigned his position with the society because of the pressures of time.

Lyons said he will remain in the society either as a member of a Kansas City, Kansas, chapter or the "mother" chapter in Belmont, Mass. He holds an 8-hour-a-day job and is taking eight hours of night classes at Rockhurst college.

Lyons, of 2501 Greeley street, Kansas City, Kansas, became volunteer co-ordinator early last year. At that time, he said, only four chapters of the society were active in the metropolitan area—in Kansas City, Grandview, Overland Park and Leawood.

Today, he said, there are 11 chapters—two more in Kansas City, two in Kansas City, Kansas, and one each in Clay County, Prairie Village and Raytown. A chapter has from 10 to 20 members, he said.

"We don't ask anyone to accept what we say, or accept even our own opinion of ourselves," Lyons said. "All we ask is for people to be sincere and honest and look at the society objectively."

"The opinion molders are asking people to accept their opinion about the John Birch society."

No replacement for Lyons has been selected yet, he said. Area co-ordinator for Kansas, Nebraska and Greater Kansas City is Richard Beem of Omaha.

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Editor: Richard B. Fowler

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TO JOHN BIRCH JOB

James Allman Is Named Missouri Co-ordinator

St. Louis (AP)—The appointment of James J. Allman, 39, former director of community relations for the St. Louis police department, as co-ordinator for the John Birch society in Missouri was announced today.

Allman resigned his police department post last March, saying his position prevented him from commenting publicly on matters about which he had strong feelings.

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4 Kansas City Star

Kansas City, Mo.

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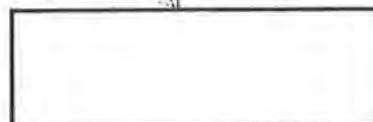
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7-29-65, reflecting that a new book store, American Opinion
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Member to Open Book Store

Birchers Plan Push in City?

A potential "center for conservatism" is going to open in Springfield.

It will be in the form of a bookstore called the "American Opinion Bookstore, Exclusive Distributor of John Birch Society Books and Material."

Bob McCarthy, 24, who lives at 1327 West Poplar, revealed plans for the business at 905 East Lombard. He hopes to open it by Aug. 10.

"We're going to work real hard to organize a drive to bring about impeachment proceedings against Earl Warren (Chief Justice of the Supreme Court); we're going to work toward exposing Martin Luther King's affiliations with Communist organizations, and to get the United States out of the UN," McCarthy said.

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His wife, Linda, and his brother, Charlie, are helping him set up the store. It will be staffed by Bob and Linda McCarthy with the aid of volunteers.

"We're mainly interested in stocking material that exposes Communists here in the United States, on our college campuses, in our youth groups," McCarthy said.

McCarthy and his wife are native Springfieldians. He graduated from Central High School and attended Southwest Missouri State College two years.

The store is only a block from the SMS campus.

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"We thought it should be near SMS or Drury because of the type of political science professors they have," said McCarthy.

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Carthy. He explained he meant the "predominately liberal" professors.

McCarthy said he is a member of a Birch society chapter in Springfield. When asked its size, he said he has been a member about a year and the group has doubled.

"You'd have to get that type information (on size of the chapter) from the chapter leader, Dr. Summitt," he said. He said he referred to Dr. W. W. Summitt, a dentist at 1007 East Kearney. He said Dr. Summitt, an Army reserve officer, is at military summer camp in Colorado at the present time.

He said plans are underway to enlarge society membership in Springfield. "We want to organize two more chapters on the south side of town."

McCarthy was asked what his feelings would be if he were drafted into military service. He is 24.

"When they they call me, I'll be on my way. I feel we need to get in there and win this war instead of fooling around," he said.

"To see these college students and all these demonstrators tearing up their draft cards and what not, saying they're not going to fight, and that we should get out of Viet Nam. . . well, it makes me mad—it makes me sick," McCarthy said.

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Tax Exemption Helps a Birch Book

By Rowland Evans and
Robert Novak

WASHINGTON — The ever-diligent right-wing has concocted a new scheme for peddling propaganda among American college youth under an indirect subsidy from none other than the federal Treasury.

The federal subsidy stems from the fact that an obscure right-wing organization in Inglewood, Calif., called the Americanism Educational League enjoys a federal tax exemption as an "educational" organization. Contributors to A. E. L. can claim their contributions as a federal income tax deduction.

The league is now soliciting tax-deductible contributions to finance the distribution on college campuses of half a million copies of "None Dare Call It Treason" by John Stormer. An extremist Birchite warning of an imminent Communist takeover in the U. S., this book was bought by the millions by right-wing backers of Barry Goldwater during the 1964 campaign.

THE CAMPUS distribution of this propaganda is no isolated endeavor of a few Californians. It exactly coincides with a major project of the John Birch society itself in pushing "None Dare Call It Treason" among college students. Thus, the federal Treasury is in the unwitting position of underwriting the far right's top propaganda campaign of this autumn.

Until recently, the Americanism Educational League was one of the oldest (founded in 1927) but least effective of the

proliferating rightist groups, organizations such as the John Birch society. He even lists the society's mailing address. In fact, Stormer occasionally lectures for the Birch-sponsored American Opinion Speakers bureau.

On September 20 it displayed its new zeal by mailing out a fund appeal for the Stormer book project in a letter signed by ex-FBI counterspy Herbert A. Philbrick, who now makes his living as a right wing lecturer.

PHILBRICK'S letter, expressing a desire "to stimulate millions of students into reading and discussing important books on individual liberty and freedom," seems innocuous enough to the uninitiated. What they wouldn't know about is the John Birch society link.

For instance, it is not coincidental that the September national bulletin of the Birch society reveals that each Birch chapter is being issued 25 copies of "None Dare Call It Treason" for distribution on U. S. campuses. Birch members are urged to give copies of the Stormer book to college students, and describe it as different than the "optimistic and deceptive trivia he is so likely to find in most of the academic halls today."

The John Birch society has reason to love "None Dare Call It Treason." In a concluding chapter titled "What Can You Do?" Stormer cautions the readers not to form their own organizations but instead to join "well established national

THE IRONY for U. S. taxpayers is that the tax-exempt status of the Americanism Educational League is being used to reinforce the society's campaign to put "None Dare Call It Treason" into the hands of college students. Philbrick's letter emphasizes the tax-deductible feature. He urges:

"Please use the enclosed postage paid return envelope today to speed your maximum deductible contribution toward this worthy project."

The enclosed envelope stresses: "All contributions are tax deductible."

Other rightist "educational" organizations have lost their tax-exempt status on the solid grounds that a substantial part of their activities is political, not educational. The Americanism Educational League may be endangering its own tax exemption by peddling a product so blatantly non-educational as Stormer's book.

But even if the government brings proceedings against the league aimed at stripping away its tax exemption, the entire process would consume six months to two years (exclusive of court appeals). Moreover, this could have no effect on deductions claimed by individual taxpayers on contributions made now in behalf of the Stormer book project.

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Birch Society's Aims Outlined at Meeting

✓ There are 16-20 active members in the Springfield chapter of the John Birch Society. (S)

Dr. William W. Summitt, 33, chapter leader, talked about the local chapter after an informational session Monday night at the Kentwood Arms Hotel.

Dr. Summitt, a dentist, told his audience of 120 at the start of the program that this is "purely an information session—so you can get our side of the John Birch Society."

Many of the crowd were young people. Chapter leader Summitt said the meeting had been heavily advertised on the Southwest Missouri State and Drury College campuses.

The local chapter meets once a month, usually in the home of Dr. Summitt, 1007 East Kearney. He said most of the active members here are 25-30 years old. Occupations of the members range from school teachers to union men, he said.

A native of Searcy, Ark., Dr. Summitt has been in Springfield since July, 1963.

James Allman, St. Louis, Missouri coordinator for the Society, showed an 80-minute film on the organization then answered questions for a half hour.

He said many untrue charges have been made against the organization. "We are not anti-Semitic or anti-Negro, contrary to charges." The organization has about 100,000 members nationally, he said.

"We do not support any candidate. We are non-political. The John Birch Society will not support a candidate on either the long or short range."

✓ Allman declared

It also is charged that the John Birch Society is monolithic and therefore, non-Democratic, Allman, formerly in community relations for the St. Louis police department, said.

"I served in the Navy and I don't recall ever voting on any question. I belong to a church. I have never yet voted for a minister or priest or a bishop."

The film indicated that Society founder Robert Welch didn't expect all members to think alike.

"Many, and I for one, within the John Birch Society, do not agree exactly with what Robert Welch says," Allman said.

He received applause for answering the question: Why do you want to impeach (U. S. Supreme Court Chief Justice) Earl Warren?

"Fundamentally, I don't desire to do that. Warren is the symbol of the Supreme Court which has invaded decision-making areas reserved for Congress," he stated.

"Everyone is trying to marry the John Birch Society with the Minutemen (headed by Robert DePugh)," Allman continued. He said the Minutemen are "a threat to the peace and tranquility of the community," and that DePugh has been refunded his Society dues.

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Allman declared that the Society has not offered to support or oppose actor Ronald Reagan in his bid for the Republican nomination for governor of California, thereby discounting a newspaper story to that effect.

The state coordinator answered personally to a charge in the film that the press and radio and television had been infiltrated by Communists.

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Springfield Daily-
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Springfield, Mo.

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✓ "I have never been mistreated or misquoted by the press. I haven't seen any Communist infiltration in the press. I don't know the reason they (the press) give the John Birch Society the business, but they do," he said.

The film related the life of John Birch, a missionary turned soldier. It termed Capt. Birch "the first American casualty of World War III. It called the Society "the largest organized force in the entire world against communism."

The film then traced the Society from its founding in 1958 by Robert Welch to its present day operations.

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Facts of complaint

Enclosed received from , a personal friend of SA it is a copy of an article which purportedly appeared in Freedom News, Teparhona, Texas 10/12/65 entitled "The Law and Freedom" it is reprinted on stationery of the American Opinion Bookstore, 905 E. Lombard, Springfield, Mo. This is also the address of the local John Birch Society.

Also enclosed a list of reading material available through "The Movement to Impeach Earl Warren" Belmont, Mass.

Action Recommended

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Special Investigation (OSI), Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska,
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Moines and received enclosed pamphlet in a deposit of cap-
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This is being furnished Kansas City for informa-
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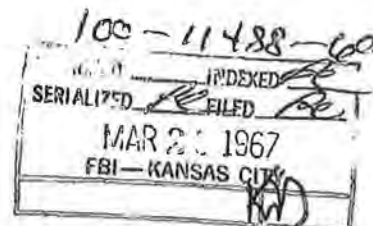
[redacted] telephone number [redacted] telephonically advised 3/16/67, that she has been attending meetings of the John Birch Society in Kansas City, Kansas. [redacted] said that she and a group of approximately 15 individuals became acquainted with [redacted] early in February, 1967. This group was introduced to [redacted] by the Monsignor (now deceased) of Christ the King Parish Church, 5200 Leavenworth Road, Kansas City, Kansas, and [redacted] distributed literature at the church in February, 1967.

[redacted] began conducting a study of communism, the meetings held in his residence during February, 1967. [redacted] and approximately 15 other individuals attend meetings, sometimes two or three times a week at [redacted] residence, [redacted]. The meetings consist of discussion groups and film studies, in addition to lectures by [redacted].

The purpose of [redacted] call to the FBI was to relate that she and the members of this group were told to subscribe to "The Worker" an East Coast communist newspaper and she felt the FBI would be interested in knowing this. [redacted] said she would gladly furnish the identities of those individuals attending these classes who have subscribed to "The Worker" if this information would be of value.



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HOPES RISE FOR BIRCH SOCIETY

Leaders Plan to Step
Up Recruiting
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ELECTION IS A FACTOR

Vote for Two Members
of Group Termed
'Gratifying'

By Harry Jones, Jr.
(A Member of The Star's Staff)

John Birch society leaders in this area have complained in the past that Kansas City simply was not good recruiting territory for them. Now they are reconsidering this judgment.

The results of the city election yesterday are the reason.

Council Candidates

Two members of the ultra-conservative organization were at-large candidates for the city council. Both lost to their Citizens association opponents, but in the process received, by unofficial count, 18,131 and 16,971 votes against their opponents' 47,127 and 49,914, respectively.

Considering that the Birch society has only 100 to 200 members in Kansas City, fewer than 100 of them in active Birch chapters, the vote for the Rev. Robert I. Hatch and Ronald Muck was, as James Kernodle, a Birch society section leader, put it, "gratifying."

Many of the votes for these two men were obviously anti-Citizens association votes. But both Birch society members made no secret of their affiliation with the society and openly advanced some of the society's doctrines in their campaigns.

In the 13th ward, between In-

dependence avenue and Seventeenth street, in the eastern part of the city, Mr. Hatch and Muck beat their opponents. They lost by narrow margins in the 11th and 12th wards.

Step up Recruiting

Kernodle, who is section leader for the four Birch chapters south of the Missouri river in Kansas City, said the society intends to step up its recruiting here now, especially in that area of the city where Muck and Mr. Hatch did well.

"These people weren't afraid of the John Birch society," Kernodle observed, "or they wouldn't have voted for them (Mr. Hatch and Muck). They didn't consider them a threat to our way of life."

"Most people have a misconception of what we're trying to do," he added. "We're non-political and non-sectarian. We're just an educational army. There's nothing wrong with the John Birch society. That's for sure."

Mr. Hatch, who is pastor of the First Bible Presbyterian church, said he was disappointed that he did not win and that he had expected to beat Donald Stubbs, his opponent. Still, he said, the campaign had enabled him and Muck to help further recruitment efforts here.

For Another Look

Both he and Muck said today that many persons, after having heard their stands on the issues, had told them they intended to take another look at the Birch society and read their literature.

Wayne Morse, an independent candidate for third district councilman and a man whose political ideology is in many ways to the right of the Birch society in the political spectrum, received 2,009 votes against G. Lawrence Blankinship's 6,140. He even carried the 13th ward, 701 to 581.

Kernodle said he has never opposed Morse and even at times has supported him, but on a personal basis, not as a Birch society leader.

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Clerk

On May 10th Det. [Redacted] contacted the [Redacted]
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The [Redacted] was contacted at 12:20 PM. He stated that Mr. Robert Belch had moved from room #1157 to #741. The press conference at 7:00 PM, room #222 and the meeting for 700 in the ballroom at 8:00 PM, stand as pre-arranged.

Submitted for your information.

Respectfully,

Det. [Redacted]

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BENSON BLAST AT U.S. COURSE

John Birch Society Representative Tells of
Red Conspiracy

Americans are faced with "murder incorporated" on a scale never known before and yet they sleep, Reed Benson, Washington representative of the John Birch society, said last night.

Speaking to about 250 persons at a meeting in Kansas City, Kansas, Benson said the apathy of Americans toward an international Communist conspiracy had paid dividends to the godless movement.

Sees a Losing Battle
"We are in a war and we are losing that war," he said. "What is it going to take to wake us up?"

Benson asserted that although Nixon promised a conservative administration when he was a presidential candidate, he had continued the leftist drive of two previous Democratic administrations.

Some say Vice-President Spiro Agnew has the duty of saying a few of the right things while

Nixon does the wrong things, he continued.

Benson said there existed in the United States a semisecret group called the Council for Foreign Relations with about 1,500 members. Among other things this group has devised a method by which the United States government could be merged with the government of the Soviet Union, he said.

Many of this council's members are in the Nixon administration, he asserted.

Victory as Possible
"That war in Vietnam could be won in six weeks without nuclear weapons if Washington wished it so," Benson said.

He likened America's export trade to Russia to helping the Nazi Germany of Hitler before World War II. "What if the United States had sent Hitler wheat, helped him build steel mills and generally helped Hitler construct a military-industrial complex?" Benson asked.

At that time such action would have been treasonous, Benson said. Now those who give such aid to Russia are members of the State department.

Benson, son of Ezra Taft Benson, secretary of agriculture under President Dwight D. Eisenhower, spoke at a session sponsored by the Truth to Restore American Independence Now committee.

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Birch Society Into Second Decade

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INDIANAPOLIS—The John Birch society returned last weekend to the city of its secret birth in 1948, paused briefly to congratulate itself on its survival and declared that in the next decade it would "expose and rout the Communist conspiracy."

Just 10 years ago, Robert Welch of Belmont, Mass., who had left the family candy manufacturing business to devote his energies to fighting communism, stood behind a podium in the living room of an old house in a well-to-do section of the near north side here and began a remarkable 2-day monologue that was to become in transcript the Blue Book of the John Birch society, the bible and the blueprint for the last 10 years.

A Small Gathering

The house belonged to Miss Marguerite Dice, an elderly spinster, who, admiring the writings of Welch and knowing of his plan for an anti-Communist society, had invited him to use it for the founding session. Clustered around the living room to hear Welch plead, in his breathless, relentless style, that they join in eliminating "the cancerous disease of collectivism" from America were 11 men, mostly wealthy industrialists of just below the top rank.

The names of all of them have never been disclosed. Some are known. Most joined the society as founding members. A couple later dropped out. Several are still on the 27-man council, the advisory group of the organization in which Welch, whose only title is "founder," reserves all final decisions to himself.

When the founder arrived for the quarterly meeting of the council and to address the anniversary gathering of about 2,000 members and sympathizers at the manufacturers building on the Indiana state fairgrounds, the John Birch society was something else again.

The society contends, and few of its knowledgeable critics take serious issue with its figures, that it has accomplished the

following:

- Recruited between 60,000 and 100,000 members in about 4,000 chapters across the country served by nearly 100 paid coordinators.

- Opened about 450 American Opinion bookstores for the dissemination of ultraconservative literature.

- Produced a 15-minute weekly radio program called "Are You Listening, Uncle Sam?" That is heard on more than 100 stations.

- Provided a constant stream of speakers for groups around the country through its American Opinion Speakers bureau.

- Published books, pamphlets and literature on which it puts an annual retail value of 4 million dollars.

- Received about 4.5 million dollars in the last year from dues, contributions and publishing receipts, while local chapters were raising another 1 million to 2 million.

- Extended its influence far beyond its membership by establishing "thousands" of front groups in such nationwide movements as Support Your Local Police, the Truth About Civil Turmoil (TACT) and To Restore American Independence Now (TRAIN).

- Carried on massive petition campaigns, such as the current one opposing trade with Eastern Europe, which Birch officials claim had produced 1,236,342 signatures by November 30.

His Guides Followed

In nearly all of these activities, the society has single-mindedly followed the blueprint laid out by Welch in 1958, finding new areas for attack but using the prescribed methods.

Not all of the goals set at that time have been met, however. For one thing, Welch's monthly American Opinion magazine, which was to have become a forceful outlet for conservative ideas with a circulation of up to 200,000, has sputtered and stalled at 33,600. For another, a far more important and frustrating failure in the eyes of the society, membership growth has been slow, cyclical and never re-

motely approaching the army of one million dedicated conservatives the founder first set his sights on.

Now Welch has lowered that goal to 400,000.

"We don't need a million," he declared. "The people who join the John Birch society contribute much more to that organization than to any other. They contribute half their lives. We've found the power of concerted action is much greater than we thought."

"And we want to do everything we can to assure that the John Birch society never has power, because if it has power it will become as dangerous as that which it's trying to fight."

Welch's view of the benign educational role of the society clashes with the picture of the organization drawn by such liberal watchdog groups as the anti-defamation league of B'nai B'rith, the Institute for American Democracy and Group Research Incorporated, a private Washington-based enterprise that follows the operations of the far right.

Way of Strength

All of these liberal forces feel the Birchers already have power far in excess of what their numbers should warrant.

In the recent presidential campaign, they note, identifiable Birch members worked ardently for the election of George C. Wallace, the third-party candidate, in almost every state.

While Welch and everyone else in the organization denies that the John Birch society is a political body or endorses candidates, it does not dispute the suggestion that most of its members get actively involved in politics.

Declaring that it would be unnatural for members informed of the issues not to work for the candidates of their choice, he estimated that 80 per cent of the Birchers had "not only voted for but worked for Wallace."

"It is impossible, of course," Welch explained, "for even education to be honest and realistic without telling some of their plain truth about some of the candidates, or about their top supporters, in some political campaigns."

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Welch talked last weekend of a "new" John Birch society. The organization, founded in secrecy and named for Capt. John Birch, the young missionary turned intelligence officer who was killed by the Communists in China in 1945, has struggled for years with its reputation as a somewhat conspiratorial body. Birch leaders have no doubt that this reputation, which they contend is unwarranted, has seriously damaged their recruiting efforts.

With the first 10 years behind him, Welch took a glimpse 10 years into the future.

Want a College

Among other things he sees the creation of a John Birch university, beginning with a college of liberal arts that would strive for "quality, not quantity."

Moreover, he forecast two new ad hoc committees, Tax Reforms Immediately (T. R. I. M.), and the Movement to restore Decency (MOTOREDE). He also said the society be about to begin organizing its first foreign branch, in Canada. If that is successful, he said, perhaps others could be formed in Brazil, Britain and Argentina.

"What does the John Birch society expect to accomplish in the next 10 years?" he asked. "Let's make the answer brief and bold. In collaboration with many other patriotic groups and leaders, we intend to expose and rout the communist conspiracy."

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John Birchers Conclude The Courier Is Communist Dupe

By DON KAISER
Publisher of The Courier

Last week I began an editorial on the John Birch Society by stating that amid due fanfare, it had now arrived in Johnson county. I was wrong.

I was already here. Last week I wrote a story out of a general impression that the John Birch society existed elsewhere—perhaps in all the newspaper and magazine accounts which I had read, perhaps in the Blue Book of the society, but

certainly not in Johnson county.

I was wrong. The John Birch Society was in Johnson county before Mr. Fred Koch, one of the 27 members of the national council of the society, spoke at East High school last week.

How many members the society has in Johnson county I do not know, all the I know some of them. But the number of sympathizers the society has here alarms me.

I stated last week that the

John Birch Society was a greater threat to our free institutions than communism, and much closer to us.

That was an understatement.

It is not only a greater threat, it is not only closer to us, but the sympathy with its efforts is far greater in this county than with communism anywhere in the nation.

The United States of America stands under a far greater threat from fascism than communism. Of that

there can be no doubt. These members of this society are sincere, and determined. And the sincerity of those who sympathize with them is far more alarming than the efforts of the society itself.

It is not communism which terrifies these persons, and makes them organize these societies.

It is liberal government. It is the socially-conscious programs of federal and state government, the taxes for which cut into the high in-

comes of the wealthy. It is not the communists who are the real enemy. It is anyone who does not believe that government should shrink up to what it was 100 years ago. It is any liberal who is so extreme in his liberalism as to support social security, unemployment compensation, school aid, foreign aid of any kind, public works, integration, and a host of other programs.

If the John Birchers had their way, some years from now the United States would be ripe for communism. If the John Birchers had their way, the spread between rich and poor would be one day as great as it was in Russia and China, and the incentive for revolution would be equally as great.

It is not actual communists the John Birchers would like to run out of the United States. It is that majority of liberals who support and vote for a government like we have in this country today.

That majority rate must be overcome, the John Birchers are convinced. So they now put on their letterheads the new slogan of the society, "This is a Republic, not a Democracy. Let's Keep It That Way."

To all those Johnson countyans who imply in letters and phone calls that I am a dupe

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Here's Why We Oppose 'Operation Abolition'

By DON KAISER
Publisher of The Courier

I was quite surprised this week to learn that there were so many residents in Johnson county who were unfamiliar with the various discussions relating to the film, "Operation Abolition."

I assumed a general knowledge of the discussion of the film in the criticisms I made of it last week. Since such knowledge is not general, I have gathered some information and comments on the film, and print them here.

The Courier has sent off an order for 60 copies of the booklet entitled "Operation Abolition" which was published earlier this year by the National Council of Churches.

For some months members of my staff have been instructed to discard any notices of meetings at which this film was to be shown, and there have been many of them. Any future notices will be returned to groups with a copy of this booklet.

On Request

Anyone else who would like a copy of it may have one without charge while our supply lasts, by writing to The Courier office.

The exception to this policy

will be in any case in which a group undertakes to present both sides of the material relating to this film, and raises a discussion of the many doubtful facts and implications which it contains. A showing of the film in which both sides were presented thus might serve actually to inform, instead of to prejudice, the viewers, and we would co-operate with any groups treating the film in this manner.

A portion of the official position taken by the National Council of Churches, and a number of comments by persons, newspapers, and magazines regarding the film are printed here for the information of the reader.

The following is a portion of a statement adopted by the General Board of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., Syracuse, N. Y., February 22, 1961:

The General Board of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. expresses its deep concern about problems raised in the conflicting reports regarding the film Operation Abolition.

1. It notes that evidence in

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ENDS SEASON WITH ENVIABLE RECORD—Don Alley, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Alley, Sr., 5910 W. 100th street, Overland Park, is one of the more than 2,000 boys who completed in 3 and 2 baseball this summer in Johnson County. Don, a pitcher for the Optima Optimist Club in the Southern Association, Midget B, recorded two no-hitters for the season and finished by pitching 21 consecutive innings without permitting an earned run. He also had a healthy batting average of .354, and a final ERA of 1.42.

District 110 Enrollment Set

Enrollment for pupils grades one through six in School District 110 will be held Monday, August 28, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the respective school buildings. Kindergarten students who enrolled in the Pre-School Roundup need not repeat their enrollment but new kindergarten pupils may enroll also next Monday.

Classes in the district will begin Tuesday, September 5. Kindergarten pupils and their parents will meet their teachers during the week of September 5-6 by appointment. Other classes, grades 1 through 6, will be in regular session with cafeteria service available.

Glen West Wins Bowling Tourney

With a final eight game score of 1,645, Glen West won the 24-game qualifying for the King Louis Match Game Television tournament held recently at King Louis Lanes. West had a total score of 4,800 with a 200 average.

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Other qualifiers were: Lauren Jackson 4,781; Jim Gephart 4,776; John Heals 4,764; John Simpson, Mendenhall, Mo., 4,749; Jim Carter, Marshall, Mo., 4,736; Dan Stettin, 4,732; Charles Howe, 4,717; Ed Harris 4,717; Vern Mouron 4,707; Lytle Maggery 4,677; Harvey Dotted 4,664; Jim Fulton 4,659; Bill Richards 4,649; George Grant, Topeka, 4,645.

BOY WANTED

The Courier has an opening for a boy to deliver the paper in the area south of 95th street in Leawood. Boys interested in the route may phone their applications to the Courier office—NI 8-4343.

High Schools Announce Enrollment And Orientation For New Term

Enrollment is now underway at schools in the Shawnee Mission high school district with orientation sessions scheduled for next week. The first full day will be September 5.

Any students not enrolled in elementary or junior and senior high schools during past school years should complete enrollment this week. Orientation sessions for twelfth and ninth grade pupils will be the morning of August 30; eleventh and eighth grade students, August 31; and tenth and seventh grades, September 1.

Junior high school boundaries have been adjusted to create a district for the new Hallwood Junior high school at 87th and Woodson. The new Hillcrest Junior high school at 93rd and Nieman road is scheduled to open next month, and the new Shawnee Mission West high

school, now under construction, should be available in 1962.

Schedules of junior and senior high school bus routes are available at all drug stores in the area, or at the school offices.

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Grand Jury Urged To Call In Investigators

This is the fourth in a series of stories preparatory to the coming of investigations by the Johnson County Grand Jury in September.

By JIM EMBERTSON
Editor of The Courier

One of the special powers of a grand jury in the state of Kansas is to use whatever investigative resources it deems necessary and desirable to pin down the facts which underlie complaints brought before it.

A grand jury may either make use of the regular facilities of the county attorney's office, or engage separate and independent investigative services.

The Courier hereby goes on record strongly urging the 1961 Johnson county grand jury to engage and utilize outside and independent investigative resources. There are several reasons why we feel this is to the best interests of a successful grand jury investigation.

In the first place, the county attorney, Hugh Kreamer and his staff already carry a heavy load of work in

keeping pace with the normal duties of their offices. In recent months the services of an additional assistant county attorney have reportedly been requested of the board of county commissioners, because of this increasing work load.

If the county attorney and his staff make enough time available to the grand jury to effect a full and complete investigation of complaints presented to the jury, then other phases of that office's duties would

be necessarily neglected. In the second place, the county attorney directed a letter to Bob Kaiser, publisher of The Courier, during the time that the grand jury petitions were being circulated, which indicated his own personal opposition to a grand jury, and the reasons why he believed it to be unnecessary. He expressed a similar point of view in personal conversations with this writer.

Having committed himself, as some other courthouse official has done, to such opposition (Continued on Page 3)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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of the communist party, I have only this to say:

Your fight is against liberalism, and you know it is. But you decided that that fight could not be won by arguing against liberal thinking and liberal government on its own merits. So now you have contrived a way to infer that this is a direct road to communism, and that any liberal thinker is playing into the hands of the communists who plot control of our government.

But you are the ones who are deceived. For it is precisely liberal government which best guarantees that communism shall not get a foothold in our society.

Communism thrives on the poverty and ignorance which would again exist in this country if government stepped aside, and let the shrewd, the calculating, the smarter, the more aggressive take unlimited advantage of the weak.

Those who make a straw man of communism, while they take punches at every liberal thinker, must be revealed for what they are. Liberal thinkers, by their nature, are too inclined to tolerance and good will toward this type of treatment.

The John Birch society aims at having 100,000 members before the end of this year, a million members soon. And many of the members it gets are the wealthy and the powerful. I do not like the prospect of what that many John Birchers could do

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Readers State Views On John Birch, 'Operation Abolition'

Mr. Publisher:

Congratulations on your editorial "entertainment" of August 17th. If the old DAILY WORKER were sponsoring an essay contest among ten-year-old marxists with the promotion of class hatred as an objective, your feature article in yesterday's issue of THE COURIER would most certainly be a winner.

Ever since the "another article" condemning THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY rolled off the presses of the official west coast Communist paper, THE PEOPLE'S WORLD early this year, the American public has witnessed the nauseating spectacle of the almost complete digestion of this "party-line" smear campaign by a large segment of our so-called free press.

This well-planned and carefully coordinated "hate campaign" has stimulated many hysterical and vitriolic articles and editorials from the pens of columnists, editorialists (and would-be editorialists). But for sheer nastiness, your bigoted, emotional diatribe, condemning a group of local citizens for sponsoring the showing of a factual and reputable film which you didn't take the time to view, and a widely respected American as speaker, to whom you did not take the time to listen, because of the latter's association with an organization, of which you obviously know nothing, is the most nauseating I have yet seen. One feels unclean after reading it.

I know that many patriotic residents of this area will take the time—as I am—to contact Mrs. Virginia Moss to thank her and the members of The Northeast Johnson County Women's Republican Club for sponsoring the showing of "Operation Abolition", and a speaker of the excellence of Mr. Fred Koch, and to assure them of the continued support of local residents of political conscience.

As for your propaganda sheet, THE COURIER, future issues left at my door will be promptly assigned as lining for my garbage can—use for which they are eminently qualified.

Albert C. Cooper
7338 Nall Ave.

Dear Mr. Kalsner:

May I take this opportunity to congratulate you on your editorial expressing highly rational opposition to the fantastically irrational John Birch bunch. You express for some of the rest of us what we would say if we weren't just standing there sputtering in helpless, baffled rage.

I may still be a Republican, though at this point it is hard to be sure, but if this is what the Republican Women are up to when they gather in groups, they had better get themselves back to the ironing board.

Thank you for your excellently-put common sense! Please keep hammering away at them.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ben D. Faust

8811 W. 75th Terrace

Mrs. Virginia Moss, President N.E. Johnson County Women's Republican Club
13204 W. 31st, Shawnee Kas.
cc: Johnson County Courier

Dear Virginia:

I want to offer the appreciation of my family and my community for your very progressive thinking and action in bringing to Johnson County the very controversial program that Mr. Fred Koch presented, along with the film, "Operation Abolition" at the Shawnee Mission East High School Auditorium on

August 14th.

Being a republican, I am glad that we got a jump on any other organization, in presenting the dangers of Communism to our fellow citizens. I am very glad to see anyone, especially our Republicans, for backing away from the credit of this outstanding program. It is only through programs like this, that we as Americans can awake before it is too late, that a very definite action can be taken.

It is very discouraging to see one of our local papers condemn this type of program from being shown to the public and especially in one of our public "tax paid" auditoriums. I understand that my own Peter Smith American Legion Post is sponsoring this picture to be shown this month and I know definitely that the American Legion is not pink or any other shades of red.

Thank you again for your public spirit! It is too bad that we citizens do not have more opportunity to know the frightening truths of Communism.

Sincerely yours,
Eugene P. Ames
18902 W. 59th

Dear Sir:

I have seen the film "Operation Abolition", also an introductory film to the "John Birch" society. I did not attend the meeting mentioned in your article in this

week's Courier, however. Being a newcomer to Johnson County, I know nothing of your religious, political or social beliefs and if I'm to base my opinion of you on the above mentioned article, I can only say we certainly see things a lot differently. Where did you get your rose colored glasses?

David Rex
8201 W. 65th

To The Courier:

We, the president and past presidents of the Johnson County Women's Republican Club and the Northeast Johnson County Women's Republican Club, who have long been active in Republican politics, feel definitely a retraction should be made in regard to the publicity received by and about the Northeast Johnson County Women's Republican Club sponsoring the meeting held at the Shawnee Mission East High School on August 14, featuring Mr. Fred C. Koch of Wichita, who we understand is a member of the supreme council of the John Birch Society which is quite controversial.

We are neither condemning or condoning the society or the speaker, but feel the public is entitled to know we have always adhered to the principles of the Women's Republican Clubs of not sponsoring controversial figures. Let it be known here and now that we are not affiliated with the John Birch Society.

Mrs. Norman P. Williams
President, Johnson County Women's Republican Club
District Director (2nd) at Kansas W.R.C.

Mrs. Catherine Brinkley
Past president Shawnee Mission W.R.C. & Johnson County W.R.C. and N.E. Jo. Co. W.R.C.

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Mrs. Red A. Soerman
Past president N.E. Jo. Co. W.R.C.

Dear Sir:
I want to say thanks for the very good editorial on the John Birch Society. I too think they are sick people, for they apparently are not interested in showing communism to be a false philosophy, only in screaming communism at those who are disagreeing with them.

I may be wrong but I think you were right when you said that there can be no tolerance for such societies as "The John Birch Society". I must be by the pressure of informed public opinion that these people can be stopped. For this to be successful the public must be informed of everything that goes on.

Now, I say that I admire you for writing both the editorial and the explanation of how it could have happened. It is quite true that these people must be allowed to speak their minds, but I do not think that it is necessary to provide them with a free platform and auditorium from which to impart their rather half baked doctrines.

Some people seem to feel that if a group is vocally anti-communist that they can do no wrong. This is a very sad low attitude to take for dictators who come from the right as well as from the left, and either one takes a very

dim view of the rights of mankind.
Yours truly,
James H. Gill
9234 Wilmer

Dear Mr. Kalsner:

By your editorial of August 17, 1961, concerning the Northeast Johnson County Women's Republican Club meeting of August 14, I feel you have insulted the intelligence of the citizens of Johnson County as well as suggested the deprivation of one of the basic American freedoms, that of assembly.

Be assured I am not a supporter of the John Birch Society, or the Communist Party, or any other extremist point of view. Nevertheless, I believe in the freedom of people to hear or read about various controversial subjects. I have faith in people being capable of discerning good from bad after they have had the opportunity to hear all sides.

I also believe in the freedom of the press to express any view, but I do not believe editorials should recommend restrictions of other freedoms.

In your haste to criticize the Republican Party you have placed yourself in a category very similar to that of the John Birch Society itself.

Very truly yours,
Joseph H. Dixon, Jr.
7706 Howe Drive

Gentlemen:

The comment you have offered in your publication on the event at Shawnee Mission East High the evening of August 14 is duly noted.

As a citizen and taxpayer of the County, I was glad to observe the interest shown by the crowd in the subject matter because it is quite obvious that to the dismay of the communist and fellow travelers and sympathizers, the country is beginning to wake up to some of what has been developing surreptitiously over a period of years.

It seems to me that you have insulted the intelligence

of the citizens of the county and I would suggest that you become much better informed on a subject before you undertake to comment on it.

Sincerely yours,
E. M. Greb
4505 West 54th St.

Dear Mr. Kalsner:

Permit me to commend you most highly for your first-page article (actually, editorial) which appeared in yesterday's Courier regarding the encroachment of the John Birch Society upon Johnson County.

Needless to say, both as an individual and as a minister of religion and a teacher of spiritual values, I heartily agree with what you wrote.

Every American, of course, has the right to speak his mind, so long as he does not seek the violent overthrow of our constitutionally-established government. However, it should not be such a simple matter for one who serves only Dissent and Hysteria as his Masters to find a platform. Nor is there any excuse at all for such a generally irresponsible and community-minded agency as the Northeast Johnson County Women's Republican Club or the publicly-sponsored and community-supported Shawnee Mission East High School to sanction and assist such a one.

Through the news and editorial columns of your newspaper and through the freedom of my pulpit, you and I are trying, as best we know how, to assume our proper responsibilities as informers, interpreters, and molders of public opinion and action. But such, alone, is not sufficient. It is the sacred obligation—there can be no choice!—of every dedicated, concerned public institution, and especially of our synagogues and churches, to establish active and effective social action groups which will study the major social issues of our day and then take whatever positive action may be demanded to enlighten our countrymen and effect the correction of our social evils.

So long as an uninformed and disinterested public continues to bury its head in the soft sands of pseudo-security, we as individuals shall remain less than men created in the image of God and our ship of state will continue to drift with every uncontrolled and unprincipled tide.

You have, sir, I am certain, not only my own personal support, but the implicit support and encouragement of the entire membership of my Congregation, Temple Beth El, in your every effort to increase popular understanding and effusive proper and responsible human response to the challenging social issues of our time.

Sincerely yours,
Rabbi William A. Greenbaum II
8125 West 76th Street

Dear Mr. Kalsner:

Your editorial attempt in the August 17 COURIER is completely insane; your non-attendance at the meeting poorly qualifies you to criticize what occurred there.

Anyone who has heard a member of the John Birch Society speak, read their literature, or looked at "Operation Abolition" with an unprejudiced mind must realize that Communists are indeed infiltrating our political parties, the movie industry, the NEA, Protestant churches, and perhaps even small local newspapers. I hope that the healthy minds who appreciate the dangers of internal Communist subversion will organize to protect the institutions of America.

The failure of contemporary liberalism is all too obvi-

ous to the alert mind. The pendulum has swung far enough to the left, we are now ready for a return to the principles of the Constitution. The fact that people of your tinge fear the John Birch Society and try to discredit it indicates that it is at least on the right track toward destroying communism. Communism is engaged in an all-out war to destroy the American way of life; we must as soon as possible mobilize an all-out war to destroy Communism. No goal short of total victory can ever be successful in a battle with such an opponent.

There is so much of value to be read one should not waste time on trash.

Sincerely yours,
Peter C. Patton
7532 Nall

Dear Sir:

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ous to the alert mind. The pendulum has swung far enough to the left, we are now ready for a return to the principles of the Constitution. The fact that people of your tinge fear the John Birch Society and try to discredit it indicates that it is at least on the right track toward destroying communism. Communism is engaged in an all-out war to destroy the American way of life; we must as soon as possible mobilize an all-out war to destroy Communism. No goal short of total victory can ever be successful in a battle with such an opponent.

There is so much of value to be read one should not waste time on trash.

Sincerely yours,
Peter C. Patton
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S. P. Smith
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Mr. Kalsner is either uninformed or he knows what he is doing. If he and others on his hand wagon know what they are doing, then God help us. If they are uninformed, do we then have the time and money to support their "endeavors" while we patiently wait and hope that they will soon see the light?

The Johnson County Conservative Coalition Committee on Public Information
R/ Donald L. Harter
John A. Huston
Donald R. Rayl

Dear Sir:

It was both pleasing and gratifying to read your article in The Courier dated August 17th, titled "John Birch Society Welcomed by 1000 (do you think the Comrades could turn out this many) to Johnson County and Women's Club shows Film "Abolition."

It has been my experience the pinks, stinkos, lefties, liberals, the comrades and their followers and sympathizers are all too obvi-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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thirers pay no attention to any individual or organization until they begin to get hurt and apparently Robert Welsh, the John Birch Society and the films, "Abolition" and "Communism on the Map" are really getting to the Comrades in exposing their operations.

A Stuck Hog Always Squeals
Your article mentions about 8% or 30 people out of 1000 left the meeting—this is about the right percentage for the Comrades; at least in Kansas. You keep right on writing and attacking (following the usual party line) and we will keep right on working until every last stinking communist rat is run not only out of public office but out of public life and out of the country.

Yours truly,
J. R. Haslie
Overland Park, Kansas

Dear Sir:
I am writing in response to your editorial which appeared in the August 17th edition of the Courier. I am sure I am not alone in this response and therefore before you throw this letter away and chalk it up as being the source of an uninformed conservative, I ask that you please read it.

I am a college student and was urged to attend the public service program sponsored by the Republican women's club. I did attend with much enthusiasm.

Maybe the Birch Society is somewhat radical in their actions, but should the communists ever take control of our country they will show no favoritism to the unconcerned American who was a do-nothing and even aided them in their victory. It may take organizations such as the Birch society to put a final end to the cold and readily warring war which has invaded, not only our hemisphere, but the earth.

Conservatively,
Jon S. Sherman

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Widespread Opposition Expressed To 'Operation Abolition'

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the film and statements and articles by responsible newspapers, journals, and journalists and by various eye-witnesses point to the need for answers to such questions as the following:

1. What evidence, substantiated in a court of law, links the Communists and alleged Communist agents in the film with the students leading or participating in the demonstration?
2. What were the actual incidents of violence, and who were responsible for them?
3. What is the degree of responsibility of the students, teachers, Communists and the House Committee on Un-American Activities in connection with the events recorded in the film?
4. What is the legal status of the film as produced by the Committee and as being sold by a private profit-making firm?
5. Are there errors of fact and interpretation involved in the film as presently distributed?
6. What is the responsibility of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and of the House of Representatives, in respect to this film and the charges made in it against students and other citizens?

2. Until objective and convincing answers to these questions are provided by proper authorities not parties at interest in the film and not participants in the events recorded in it, the General Board advises its constituent communities and their members not to exhibit the film "Operation Abolition" in churches unless a full and fair presentation of such facts as are available relevant to these questions is provided beforehand and reference

made to the National Council's statement.

Statement by Representative James Roosevelt, in a letter written to all members of the House of Representatives, dated December 21, 1960:

The heroic campaign to make the nation safe for the Un-American Activities Committee has now led to the production of a motion picture, Operation Abolition, as a documentary of this House. The film concerns itself mainly with the demonstrations that took place in San Francisco last May against the Un-American Activities Committee. Its major thesis is that the Communists want to see the Un-American Activities Committee abolished; however, it is a way for one second acknowledges that others—many others—who are neither Communists nor Communist dupes, also are in favor of the same objective for thoroughly legitimate reasons and in a thoroughly legitimate fashion. The film never for one second acknowledges that the Committee, which has made repeated forays into California in the past, itself provided an opportunity and the stage for a thoroughly unfortunate affair which reflects no credit on all parties concerned, including a Committee of this House.

Paul Jacobs, "A Movie with a Message," in The Reporter magazine, November 24, 1960:

The film itself opens without any of the usual credits.

Instead, Congressman Walter Lausche immediately into the main theme of the picture, which is to suggest that the demonstrations were Communist-inspired. . . . In the attempt to prove this assertion, both the narration and the way the film clips were edited deliberately distort a number of facts.

Students at the University of California in Berkeley have prepared a detailed answer to the movie which they distribute whenever they can. William Wheeler of the House Committee staff has admitted on a Los Angeles TV program that there were distortions in the film. Some of the students may have misbehaved, but no evidence has been offered proving that their original demonstration was under the control of the Communist Party.

Editorial in The Washington Post, November 28, 1960:

The film warps the truth in two important respects. First, it suggests as its main thesis that the demonstrations were Communist-inspired and Communist-led. Diligent inquiry has led us to a conviction that this charge is wholly unjustified. It cannot be asserted, of course, that no Communists took part in the demonstrations. But the main body of students who picketed the Committee hearings in protest were inspired only by their own valid and thoroughly creditable indignation at the Committee's conduct; and they were led by fellow-students loyal to American ideals and acting in accordance with that loyalty.

Second, the film attempts to represent the rioting which followed the student protest as resulting entirely from student violence and disorder. In point of fact, the San Francisco police acted with altogether needless brutality, turning fire hoses on students whose protests were not flagrantly unruly. . . . In every respect—in its distribution for private profit, in its falsification of facts, in its whitewashing of the Un-American Activities Committee—this film makes a dirty joke of the congressional investigation power.

Dan Wakefield, in The Nation, January 28, 1961, p. 75:

The film makes no mention of the fact that the H. U. A. C. had been in San Francisco the year before and what it had done there . . . to stir up an outraged public opposition. On June 11, 1959, the Committee subpoenaed 110 California school teachers, whose names were published in the press, and who were subjected to social and economic pressures—all without a chance to defend themselves in a hearing or a trial. Then, after an outcry in the San Francisco press against this harassment, the Committee called off its hearings and left town. The treatment afforded the teachers brought forth condemnation of the Committee in editorials or resolutions by the San Francisco Chronicle, the Episcopal Diocese of California, the California State Labor Federation AFL-CIO, the Southern California - Arizona Conference of the Methodist Church, the San Francisco Call-Bulletin, the Los Angeles Mirror-News, and the American Federation of Teachers.

One might suspect that all this had some connection with the fact that the Committee's return met with a certain amount of hostility in the San Francisco Bay area. But one would never know it from looking at the film. . . .

Robert W. Smith, editorial in the Minneapolis Star, January 2, 1961:

Distortion and half-truths are among the predominant elements in a so-called documentary motion picture being widely shown around the country, (Operation Abolition). . . . It is made up of film clips patched together in such a way as to suggest sequences of action and cause-and-effect relationships which just did not exist.

Herb Caen, San Francisco Chronicle, November 28, 1960:

I object to a Government agency coming out so four-square for truth—and then distorting it. . . . Are these same old tired Reds, known like a book by the FBI for years, the only ones the Committee can dredge up? . . . What I object to most heartily is the attempt by the Committee to smear the students present as "Communist stooges". There is no more effective way of enforcing conformity and instilling fear, as the late Joe McCarthy was quick to find out.

Ray Jenkins, City Editor, Alabama Journal:

The crux of the complaint is that by lifting filmstrips out of context and rearrangement of sequences the movie implies that the students were duped by professional Communist organizers into rioting and defiance of police.

The film attempts to create the impression that a number of policemen were injured when students stormed the police barricades at the San Francisco City Hall, where the hearings were held. After the riots the county sheriff stated flatly, "There was no act of physical violence on the part of the students".

Margold Childs, New York Post, January 28, 1961:

In what must surely be one of the most curious transactions ever to have taken place in the huge structure of the Federal bureaucracy, one branch of government is buying a propaganda film from a private firm that obtained the material for the film from another branch of government. The film in question is Operation Abolition.

Hugo W. Thompson, in a letter published in Minneapolis Star, January 23, 1961:

This film is a striking example of the wrong way to go about an important task, and is itself, the strongest argument I have seen for the abolition of the House Un-American Activities Committee under its present leadership.

Having seen the film, and puzzled over its internal inconsistencies, I made some inquiries. People in San Francisco, other than those identified with the Committee and its work, agree that the film is a fraud. News films have been cut, order of events changed, and a falsifying commentary added, which creates a grossly and deliberately distorted interpretation of the event. When a committee will go to such lengths to create and sponsor such a project, it reflects on the integrity of Congress, of these groups and organizations which sponsor the showing of the film, and of all of us who let this go on without protest.

Adopted by Board of Directors of the Northern California-Nevada Council of Churches in session at the First Congregational Church, San Francisco, on Friday, February 3, 1961:

Whereas the film "Operation Abolition" which purports to be an accurate account of events surrounding the hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities in San Francisco, May 13 is being offered to our constituent churches and groups within the churches for showing; and Whereas this film has no standard credits, and its producer is not identified; and

Whereas many responsible publications, including the San Francisco Examiner, the San Francisco Chronicle, The Christian Century, The Washington Post, The Milwaukee Journal, San Francisco News-Call-Bulletin, and others, have suggested this film in fact presents an inaccurate account of the events; and

Whereas the Churches, sponsoring a showing of this film, might seem to some to be accepting responsibility for the point of view there expressed;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the Northern California-Nevada Council of Churches strongly suggests that any member church which plans to show this film approach the project with due caution, making clear to the film's viewers that objections have been voiced to the film's accuracy, and that serious question exists as to the validity of the interpretation of the events described; and that, where possible, a speaker who has knowledge of the events be permitted to interpret the message of the film.

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The law of our land is to guarantee and protect the freedoms of the citizens of our country. Unfortunately, however, many who advocate, in theory, the exercise of freedoms of the law, actually, in practice defy the law and trample under foot the very source that assures freedom and protects rights and liberties.

The definition or purpose of law, as stated by Blackstone, is to "command the right and prohibit the wrong". But the definition of law, to many sick minds today, is to "command what is right for me and wrong for everybody else".

~~The street demonstrations, the riots, the college campus demonstrations, the beach-~~
~~drunken-brave demonstrations, and "freedom march" demonstrations are basically the~~
products of the communist doctrine. One of the first objectives of the communist propagandists is to discredit the police and other officers of the law in the eyes of the American people. Once that is accomplished, the authority foundation of our civil liberties, will have been crushed into dust of nothingness.

Efforts are being made to discredit the police and other officers of the law in California, as if to justify the unAmerican, debased, gangster-type mobs who savagely murdered innocent people and literally destroyed a section of the city of Los Angeles. The same cry of "police brutality," an attack on the officers of the law, is being heard in Massachusetts, New York, Illinois, Louisiana, Alabama, Washington, Mississippi, Georgia, and every other section of the country where demonstrators and rioters are defying the law. The tragedy of it is, men in high places, from the president's office on down, are encouraging the destruction of the basic foundation of our freedoms, the law of the land, by encouraging street demonstrations and marches in defiance of state and local officers of the law. The unruly marchers and demonstrators are told by some misguided leaders that if the law doesn't suit them, just ignore it; or, take the law into your own hand and get what you can.

It is almost unbelievable that Senator Robert F. Kennedy of New York recently declared ~~that the law of the land was an enemy of the negro and implied that one need not obey~~
the law, if it were not in his interest, as he sees it, to obey.

An editorial of the Dallas Morning News Date of August 20, 1965, declares:

The comment by Sen. Robert F. Kennedy of New York on the Los Angeles riots is almost as incredible as the riots themselves. "There is no point in telling Negroes to obey the law," he said, when many of them feel "the law is their enemy."

Read that again, if you please, then ponder the fact that the man who said it was formerly head of the Department of Justice, which is the government's law-enforcing arm. If your eyes blink, and if you have to pinch yourself to believe it, you are normal.

Al Capone felt the law was his "enemy" too. Was there any point in telling Al to obey it? Bugs Moran, Golfbag Hunt and Clyde Barrow considered police and prosecutors their enemies. So what?

Whatever the Los Angeles Negroes like or dislike has nothing to do with their status under law. Either they act civilized and respect the rights of individuals and of property, or they pay for it under penalty as provided by statute.

If Sen. Kennedy has been quoted correctly, then he never should have been head of the Justice Department.

Almost as bad is the comment of Sargent Shriver, head of the anti-poverty program, who dislike a remark by Los Angeles Police Chief Parker. "We're on Top," said Parker, "and they (rioters) are on the bottom." Did the poverty czar want the rioters to be on top and the police on the bottom?

A refreshing contrast is the comment by former President Eisenhower who deplored the trend to "lawlessness" in this country.

The late President Kennedy began the encouragement of the marches and demonstrations when he invited the demonstrators to march on Washington in the "true American tradition," he said.

President Johnson has encouraged the marchers and demonstrators, especially when away from home - the White House, that is. It seems to be all right for demonstrators to attack the police, lie down in public streets, camp on courthouse steps and in municipal halls, and block the entrance to private business houses in some places. But if they get too close to the White House, that's a violation of the law. During the recent march on the capitol building, the agitators and demonstrators evidently got too close for comfort. They were rounded up and some were dragged to the police wagons and hauled off to jail.

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